

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
25 May 2017 4:30 pm EST

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, Sarah Jane Ramage, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Jakob Hero, Mark Dalglish, Kimberly Brown, Rev. Dr. William Knight

Absent: Angel Collie

Staff: Jack Hutter

Quorum was established.

Check-In/ Opening Prayer:

After a brief check-in, Rachelle opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda:

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Moderator's Report

Governance Committee Report

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented was made by Joe.

Motion was seconded by Stephanie

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

Discussion Agenda:

Finances:

SJ discussed the current review of both Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable best practices, including how the reports are created, processing measures, and accounting procedures. This review is allowing opportunity for revision where necessary in strengthening the process for fully accurate financial reports. As part of our best practices, we need to review the Accounting Manual, and need to review "best practices and procedures".

Kimberly noted that the original \$125,000 which was transferred to sustain the budget shortfall (projected to carry through to July) lasted through the end of March. Our current deficit of \$90,000 began in January.

To reduce and eliminate this shortfall, we need increased development funds, continue reviewing and updated congregational assessment agreements, and

continue individual and corporate asks for new and sustained donors. We anticipate cash from the sale of a building (\$19,000) to be received by June 5.

Development:

The on-line giving option has been modified for use globally, to make user-friendly for international contributions. We anticipate this process being completed by June 1. There will be a webinar for Moderator's Circle members on June 27th. Joel Ogburn, with Joy MCC, will be hosting a Moderator's Circle event on August 11th. The majority of Moderator's Circle members are located in Florida. Conversation was held regarding communicating the impact of our MCC offices and the work they are doing on the ground and virtually to strengthen our mission around the world. It was agreed to highlight these efforts not only to the Moderator's Circle but throughout the denomination.

MCCIC:

An initial consultation conversation occurred on May 22 with the Governing Board executive committee, Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes and Rick Geddes. The meeting that took place focused on the historical context of MCCiC and MCC, along with clarification of roles and responsibilities of each moving forward. The MCCiC board was set to meet and discuss our letter of response to their initial inquiry.

Updates on Actions from Previous Meetings:

PAD Working Group– A meeting is scheduled for June 14th with the PAD Working Group and the CRRLT (Collaborative Relationship Response Leadership Team).

GJI – Funds received from the MCC Easter Offering designated for GJI work have been forwarded to them.

Communications – Janine McCarthy will become the Communications Assistant effective June 1st.

Assessments – The GB Working Group is continuing to meet with churches on agreements, will be included in the new database.

Governance:

Committee is working on MNC process, including a thorough review of the process. The Board of Pensions vote is set to happen on June 7-8. Please see Governance Committee Report for additional information on their work.

F2F and PAD:

Agendas are being worked on for the July/August meetings in St. Louis.

Arrangements are in place for travel and lodging. There will be some time for a joint meeting with the SLT. Governors are encouraged to volunteer at the PAD Conference.

Regular portion of the Governing Board meeting ended at 6:05 pm ET, and an Executive Session was held to discuss the Development Director.

Closing Prayer:

The meeting closed with prayer by Jakob at 6:10 pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Joe Cobb
Clerk