

Minutes of the Regional Church Council Meeting

October 13, 2018

Northwest Christian Church

Members Present: Candis Wilson, Frances Smith, Lorenzo Thomas, Faith Solon, Marybeth Corbett, John Johnson, Gladys Davis, Tyler Reeve, Tomas Hernandez, Cory King, Edgar Wallace, John Cox,

Regional Staff: Interim Regional Minister, John Richardson, Regional Administrator, Jennie Stoddart Bernard

Guests: Jeff Gill, Researcher

Excused Absences: *Dave Stonebraker-Martinez, Chad Delaney, Alecia Hayes, Pamela Barnes-Jackson, Roger McKinney, Matt Every*

Welcome, Introductions, and Prayer Concerns

Opening Prayer led by John Richardson

Approval of the Minutes:

John Richardson noted that the minutes are not generally on letterhead, but the [Sept 6th minutes](#) needed to be on letterhead due to the acceptance of the Amy Saviers account.

Moved by Cory King and seconded by Edgar Wallace to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections. Unanimous acceptance

Review of membership guidelines and changes from the resolutions at the October 6th Regional Assembly.

Discussion over the 2019 [Regional Budget](#) and [Camp Christian Budget](#):

John Goebel (at Treasury Services) and Jeff Gill worked together with the Regional and Camp Staff to create this budget.

Jeff reviewed his role as researcher and general overview of the Budgets

Discussion of the Balance on the Camp Christian Mortgage Principal

Other points of Budget Discussion:

- “Leadership Gifts” how to campaign in the future?
- Raise Christmas Offering
- Raise DMF Giving
- Change name for “1 in 1000” to “Keep the Bell Ringing” as that is the new umbrella in which Camp Christian giving will be under. Also, there is momentum around this. Notify donors to the 1 in 1,000 Campaign of this change. Specific designated giving to Camp Christian is still welcomed in all forms under this Campaign or not.

- Donations from Congregations and Individuals can be sent directly to Treasury Services (If persons don't want to send it to the Region). This will take longer for acknowledgement, as it doesn't go straight to Jennie. Every dollar sent to Camp, the Region, or Treasury Services goes through our one and only bank account at Treasury Services.
- Once the Principal on the Camp mortgage loan is paid, and funds received over and above will only go to Camp Christian Operating allowing for maintenance at Camp. The Region and Donors will be notified of this. If a donor wants to change their designation, we will give them the opportunity to do so.
- We have 0 reserves
- Finding ways to offset the cost of Summer Camp Counselors
- **Need for a Camp Building maintenance endowment**

Moved by Gladys and seconded by Edgar to approve the 2019 budget. Motion unanimously carried

Election of officers

- Vice Moderator: Frances Dudley
 - Moved by Edgar and seconded by Gladys. Motion unanimously carried
- Secretary: Faith Solon
 - Moved by Edgar and seconded by Gladys. Motion unanimously carried
- Assistant Secretary (back up for secretary): Cory King
 - Moved by Faith and seconded by Tyler. Motion unanimously carried

Cory asked for clarification about the Constitution & By-laws

John Richardson answered that they will still be suspended until May 2019. This Council is charged with amending/reinstating them.

- Treasurer- It was suggested that the RCC implement a new position to act as an intermediary between Treasury Services and the Regional Office. This person could possibly preside as the Finance Chair as well.
 - Edgar Nominates Gladys as Treasurer & Finance Chair
 - Frances seconds
 - Motion unanimously carried

Council Affirms Jennie Stoddart Bernard as the Regional Administrator

Unanimous affirmation

Discussion of the makeup of the Council

Due to the Open Floor voting from the Regional Assembly, the end result of the makeup of the Council is imbalanced. There are several people from the same church, and imbalance in the districts. When the bylaws are reestablished in 2019, body will limit the number of people from the same congregation/district

Regional Transition Team (RTT)

- Tyler moves to affirm Josh Baird, Keely Veatch, & Tomas Hernandez to the RTT
- Edgar seconds
- Motion unanimously carried

Complete list of RTT Members

Co-Chairs: Rev. Josh Baird
Rev. Audrey Connor

Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes-Jackson
Amanda Blaine
Rev. Dr. Eric Brown
Rev. Kevin Greenwald
Tomas Hernandez
Jeannine Hoover
Rev. Vanessa Myers-Dudley
Jim Rivers
Chrissy Stonebraker-Martinez
Keely Veatch

Suggest job of RTT to revise bylaws.

RTT will recommend (or not) the Curate to the RCC for approval

Referred to resolution from Regional Assembly regarding the creation, task, and makeup of the RTT

RCC recommends tasking the RTT to find person and funding

Regional Church Council Standing Committees

- Personnel - personnel issues from staff. Work from personnel manual. Salary, evaluations, etc. specific to regional staff. Will need to re-write job descriptions.
- Vision - strategic planning.
- Finance- develop the ministry plans and income and expense projections
 - As Treasurer, Gladys will be the chair of this team.
- Membership - maintain and develop board members. Find new membership roster for the next term to be confirmed at the Regional Assembly.

Once the new Regional Church Council is divided into their teams, Chairs of each of the remaining teams will be determined.

Auxiliary Recommendations:

- Communication Task Force: Assist with Website, Promote Transparency, author and assist with communications.
 - Chair Suggestion: Anna Headly
 - Other members: Cory King and ask Audrey Connor

- Christmas offering
- Keep the Bell Ringing
- Summer Camp 2019
 - Early bird registration and incentives
- Camp Task Force: Chair Suggestion: Wendy Taylor:
To assist with new programming and ways to further utilize the property and facilities to their fullest in addition to the Regional and Summer Programs we already have. To coordinate with the Superintendent and Regional Administrator for opportunities and availability. Creatively fundraise to maintain the property and support new and traditional programs.

Review of Regional Calendar

Next meeting date:

- January 26th, 9:00 am at Northwest Christian Church
- Possible backup “Snow Day” date, February 9th

Candis adjourns the meeting