

Minutes of the Regional Church Council Meeting

December 6, 2018

Via Zoom

Members Present: Candis Wilson, Faith Solon, Mary Beth Corbett, John Cox, Roger McKinney, Pamela Barnes-Jackson, Frances Dudley, Matt Every, Cory King, Thomas Hernandez, Gladys Davis, Chad Delaney, Tyler Reeve, Dave Stonebraker-Martinez, Jack Sullivan Jr. (excused late arrival)

Regional Staff: Jennie Stoddart-Bernard, Al Channell

Guests: Wendy Taylor

Excused Absences: Jack Sullivan Jr.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer led by Candis

Approval of October Minutes

- Attach budgets to minutes.
- Add all members of RTT.
- Add Wendy Taylor as Chair of Camp Christian Task force.

Gladys moved to approve the minutes. Matt seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Deep Pool

- Al gave history of the deep pool, asking to eliminate the deep pool. It has been fixed numerous times at great expense. Reference was made to getting lifeguards to staff the pool.
- Question regarding the source of funds: they were given to repair the deep pool and this would not be a repair, it would be to fill in. Gladys has reached out to Kettering Central Christian Church to see if this would be acceptable.
- Recycling the stainless steel would be more expensive than what we would recover.
- The county is expanding the swale, so we can possibly have fill dirt for free. (Pool holds 96,000 gallons of water).
- The replacement of the deep pool would be a grassy area with shade, possibly restrooms. Other options: beach volleyball, splash park. Splash park would be too expensive. The concrete around the pool would remain, as it is too expensive to remove.
- Anticipated timeline is not available.
- Current cost to leave pool unfilled is \$300 some dollars for a pool license. This needs renewed every year until we fill in the pool.
- The operation of the deep pool has no effect on the shallow.

Gladys moved to fill in the deep pool and re-purpose the area at a cost up to \$12,000 donated by CCC Kettering pending approval from CCC Kettering Board. Faith seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Camp Invention

- Link to Camp Invention <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>
- Wendy Taylor explains the idea. It is a funding stream as well as another camping option. This would not be marketed to our current camper, it would be marketed to the local community (local elementary school children). STEM focus day camp. Proposal is to do two weeks this summer as a trial run, with

the possibility to grow this if it is a good fit. Could expand to new themes such as young chefs and Legos. Would serve as enrichment to local children.

- Roger: When is this proposed to occur? Wendy: The weeks should be back to back. July 7-13, 14-20. CYF week 2 and Chi Rho Corinth.
 - Pamela: What ages? Wendy: For Kindergarten through fifth grade.
 - Faith: How does this fit into the mission and goal of camp? Wendy: It doesn't. It would be similar to a camp rental. A resourceful use of the space in order to generate additional income.
 - Roger: What space would they use? Wendy: The homebase would be the Monroe Lodge. This would have no affect the way in which we have traditionally done camp. It would potentially use the pool, but it does not need to have access to the pool.
 - Gladys: Who would provide the lifeguard? Wendy: Camp Invention would use their own lifeguard.
 - Pamela: If a child were to get hurt, would they see the nurse? Wendy: Camp invention holds its own liability. They would not use our nurse. The parents would be called, or 911 if the situation was severe.
 - Where would they have their meals? Wendy: We could tack on an additional fee if we include swimming and meals. If not, they would bring a sack lunch. A cart can be rolled into the lodge, or the kitchenette in the lodge could suffice. Camp Invention would not be in the dining hall with Camp Christian kids.
- Do the Directors of those weeks of camp know of this? Wendy: Not yet, but I would be more than willing to work with those people.
- Chad: The region should look for ways to reach out to this group in order to build trust. This behavior should be encouraged. We should make them feel loved. Candis: This could open up an option to provide a service opportunity to our CYF campers.

Matt moves that we accept Wendy's proposal to rent space at Camp Christian, in cooperation with the directors of CYF2 and Corinth weeks of camp during July 7-20, 2019 in order to host Camp Invention.

Marybeth seconded the motion. Approved Unanimously. Motion carried.

Camp Christian Staff

- Inform the Regional Church Council of the resignation of Donna Channell as Interim Food Service Director effective 1/1/2019.
- Retirement of Al Channell effective 3/1/2019 after 21 years of faithful service.
- Gladys: Advice for Al on who should replace him? Al: Superintendent is a title to imply a very high honor. I consider it to be a very high honor. I don't know if you need a full-time person. I don't know if you need a person who lives here. But there are things you learn by being here year round. You catch a lot of things by being here before they become very expensive. They need to be in here a few weeks in advance. There is a lot of behind the scenes work (ie with the EPA).
- Roger: Is there still a relevant job description for this position? Al: Yes. I have it on my computer. A request for an edited and updated version of this document.
- Al: I suggest that a potential option is to have various churches adopt certain parts of camp to maintain them.
- Thomas: What is the process for finding a new Superintendent and Food Director for camp? Al: Margot Connor was the Chair of the Committee when I was hired. This will be handled by the personnel committee. Candis: The goal is to find someone before Al leaves so that he can transition out.

Pamela moves to accept the retirements of Donna Channell (1/1/2019) and Al Channell (3/1/2019). Seconded by Tyler. Unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Immediate need is for a Food Service Director. If this has not been handled, a cater can be found. Wendy Taylor offered her services during the search period for a Food Service Director.

Commission on Ministry

Commission on Ministry would like to add three members to team three in order to handle an influx of people seeking standing.

“Be it resolved that page 8, lines 181 and 182, be amended to read, “The team will be composed of no less than five (5) nor more than eight (8) members.”

Roger moved to accept the motion. John seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Nominations:

Team Two (Commissioned)

Rev. Philip Hunt	Coshocton	Retired Minister
Re. Todd Cosart	Southside Lima	Minister

Team 3 (Standing)

Rev. Audrey Connor	Columbus	Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Robert Boyte	Columbus	Retired Minister
Rev. Beckie Linn Gregory	Cincinnati	Interim Minister
Rev. Jonathan Rumburg	Stow	Minister
Re. Michele Moreland	Cleveland	Minister

Roger moved to accept the motion to accept these nominees. Marybeth seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Ohio Council of Churches and Ohio Conference of United Church of Christ Representative

Candis: We need to find a new UCC appointee to our board. We also serve as the ecumenical representative on their board. Reverend Sullivan was our representative, but we now need a new person to serve on that body.

Faith volunteers for the position.

2019 Camp Christian Marketing Materials

Gladys and Wendy: There is a need for marketing materials to use outside of our own denomination.

Jennie: I have some items that fit that description.

Jack: If camper narratives of newsletter quality could be created for dissemination that would be helpful.

As a collective, we will assemble the miscellaneous camp promotion materials in order to see what needs remade and what gaps need to be filled.

Committee Assignments

- Personnel: Chair Pamela Barnes Jackson. Members: Marybeth Corbett, Frances Dudley, Tyler Reeve, Lorenzo Thomas.
 - Meet during the week of December 16-22.
 - Handle the search for Food Service Director. This person needs a level 2 food handling certification. (Seat in class reserved for March 2019 with UCHD)
 - Handle search for new Camp Superintendent.
- Vision: *to be filled*
- Finance: Chair Gladys. *to be filled*
- Membership: *to be filled*

Task Forces

- Communication: Chair Anna Headly. Corey King
- Camp *to be filled*

Business Items from the Floor

- Memorandum of Understanding to be taken care of before or during January meeting.

Important Regional Dates

Camp Christmas December 14-16

Christmas Offering December 16 and 23

Registration of the UN Seminar deadline is December 12. There is currently not enough students.

Papers will be accepted after the registration deadline.

CYF winter retreat registration deadline is January 18.

Ethical Boundaries training December 24, Anti-Racism in December 25.

Advance winter retreat Jan 4-6.

Pastoral Luncheon on January 30th at Northwest Christian Church.

Next Meeting January 26 starting at 9 am at Northwest Christian Church.

Snow date of February 9.

Closing Prayer led by Rev. Pamela.