

CRMR Regional Board Meeting September 26, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Diane Ashton, Moderator, Diane also offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

Present: Diane Ashton, Moderator; Georgenne Tomlinson, Vice-Moderator; Jennifer Force, Bob Vitt, Betsy Straka, Mike Hatler, Debbie Gerkin, Acting Regional Minister; Tracy Morgan, Ed Hawkins, George Dockery, Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson, and Howard Grant

Absent: David Hartley, Brad Barton, Nicholas Grooms, Lenna Fajerman, Pam Baumgartle, Daphne Arias, Katherine Raley, Rayna Barker, Linda Harding, Roger Bray, and Revis Carter

We did a web-weaving exercise as a time to share and introductions to each other.

Georgenne Tomlinson, Vice-Moderator called to worship and offered Communion

1. Diane:
 - a. Regional Minister, settled search, mentor: Not going as fast as expecting. Two people have declined the committee chair. Diane is now back to the drawing board. Ruth Fletcher, MT, is the mentor we will be working with for our search. Ruth works very closely with the UCC and can bring some great web weaving to this process. Diane has identified two others that can be asked to chair this committee. Dean is signed on for a 1 year contract beginning on Nov 1. Dean has shared with Diane that the 1 year timeline might be a bit aggressive.
2. Georgenne:
 - a. Mission Day/Spring Feast 2016
 - i. Marcia Meier will chair the mission day committee
3. Ministry Commission
 - a. Brad Barton is the chair of this commission.
 - i. Umbrella
 1. Committee on standing – Debbie is chair. Helps get clergy credentials
 2. Ethics Committee – Confer with clergy to help make decisions, boundary training events, and other education for clergy
4. Congregational Transformation Committee
 - a. Looking for more involvement
 - b. Provided some financial support to send some people to HOPE partnership
 - c. Provide coaches for churches, down to 1 person at this time
 - d. Jose left a list of good people to ask to be a coach
 - e. Board can help identify people who could be a coach
 - f. February meetings with Dare to Lead, Debbie will help Ed setting this up
 - i. Dare to lead – Spiritual Strategic Journey – vision for local congregations. Estimated cost is \$5-6k and Transformation can help with the cost
5. Personnel Committee
 - a. Wrapped things up with Jose and vacation time
 - b. In need of some members
6. Finance
 - a. Decide where we want the contribution for Valley Heights Memorial goes
7. Governance Review
 - a. Jessa has the survey on the website

- b. GTF wants to know how we do business as a region, these decisions should reflect the values of the region, we need to get some answers from the region
 - c. Not a short survey, lot of room for people to answer and not just a multiple choice. We want to hear from the region
 - d. It can be printed out and filled out by congregations, look for people who might have some out of the box ideas
 - e. This will give you a sense of the health of the region
 - f. Some people might not know what the purpose is of the GRTF.
 - g. Board is the keeper of the future story and it is hard for a board of this size, last year Cynthia formed the GRTF to help the board be the keeper of the Future Story
 - h. Task force is meeting once a month
8. Action items
- a. **Approve april mins – Vinetta moved, mike second – approved**
 - b. **June 19, Tracey moved, betsy second - approved**
 - c. Budget –
 - i. Travel for Regional Minister
 - 1. local – reimburse
 - 2. further – rent a car (we have an agreement with enterprise)
 - ii. Replace Quickbooks for Non-profits and send Rebecca for some training. Keeping database with CDM and just replacing the financial piece. This will have better reporting.
 - iii. Move to put full Valley Heights distribution of the in the general fund – Mike moved, no need for a second, **Tracy moved to put 30% new Church and 70% to General Fund, Vinetta second, approved**
 - 1. Discussion – benefit to general fund is you have more flexibility, Vinetta suggested a 70-30 split general fund/mission or to place in a different fund each quarter it comes in, Ed suggested that we keep with donor intent of Camp & Conference. Tracy said 30/70 New Church/General Fund
 - d. Should we have a budget to vote on in December or continue the current one through 3/31/15?
 - i. Diane – move forward with continuation
 - ii. Bob – one opinion was that if we put together a new budget now we would understand that it is simply an outline but it could be changed as needed with Dean comes on. We should have all the ministries getting their wish lists together r by Nov 1 to present to Dean.
 - iii. Vinetta – could we do a combination of both
 - iv. Board recommendation – will begin the process with getting ministries wish lists, board in December will vote to move to continue the budget. Final budget would be ready in March.
 - v. Mike will send an email to the ministries along with Debbie to have them begin the wish list, deadline 10/31
 - e. La Foret
 - i. See the report for this item
 - f. Office Furniture
 - i. Furniture is falling apart, this issue will need to be addressed eventually.
 - ii. Have Jessa put out a blast about the furniture.
 - iii. Jennifer to check to see if there are any connections with Tennyson Center for furniture.

- g. Campbell-Stone Concept, **Ed moved, Mike second, approved by full board**
 - i. Foundation has received this building
 - ii. Foundation is trying to sell the building, in discussion with 4 buyers
 - iii. Proceeds will come to us with the foundation as the guardian
 - iv. Funds will be held for a year prior to being distributed to region. This was spelled out in the bequest.
 - v. Task Force meeting on 11/15 at FCC COS, they will be coming up with policy around this money. They will provide recommendations to the board. The task force will have reps from both regional board and the foundation board.
 - vi. This building has to be maintained as a low income senior housing. Based on CHFA rules and regulations.

9. Prayers/Joys

- a. Bob Stookesberry's death
- b. Georgette's wedding
- c. Stewardship summit

10. Howard grant closed with a prayer

11. Meeting closed at 8:27