

Regional Board  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City  
November 26, 2018  
Via Zoom Call

**Present:** Mary Lou Kegler, Gerald Jones, Travis Smith McKee, Sheryl Tucker, Kristin Dow, Suzi Goldt, James Vertreese, Bill Rose-Heim, Rob Carr, Jessica Lopez, Dave Arnold, Casey Sigmon, Veronica Fallah, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Matthew Silvers  
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Vice-Chair Mary Lou Kegler.  
The meeting started with a devotion led by Bill Rose-Heim: why are we thankful for being called to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in one word or phrase. He finished with prayer.  
Mary Lou expressed her gratitude for Bill who coordinated this electronic meeting, and gratitude for all of our presence.  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted, per motion from Gerald Jones and second by Kristin Dow.

**Reports**

**Finance Committee Report**

James Vertreese presented the October reports. We are in a tight place with reduced income and increased expenses. The Regional Assembly ran a deficit. Tall Oaks is in deficit. Disciples Mission Fund income actual is below budget projections. Operating Contributions are about the same as last year, mostly due to a large gift from the Saller family, and otherwise is below budget. Overall income is \$30,000 less than this time last year. We have had some one-time expenses that are affecting the overall deficit. The Tall Oaks cash position includes monies that are restricted from use for operating expenses.

The 2019 budget will not be ready by January 1<sup>st</sup> for several reasons. One is that the annual fund hasn't been implemented. Also the DMF income has decreased and that needs to be addressed. We also need to look at expenses, including the new budgeting necessary because of expenses that will be incurred as we separate from Tall Oaks. James moved, Rob Carr seconded that we extend the 2018 budget for the first two months of 2019. (This would essentially give operating authority for the next two months.) Motion carried.

**Bylaw Task Group**

Gerald Jones reported that the final draft of the bylaws (5 pages) and rules of procedure (15 pages). The plan is to send electronic versions of the documents to the entire board for feedback and adoption at our next meeting. They will be distributed to the Board within the week.

**Stewardship and Development**

A package is being developed, including a video, to publicize the Christmas Offering.

**New and Transforming Church Commission**

Casey reported that the commission has met since the last meeting. They are preparing the application process for new churches and transforming churches as well as updating the form for affiliating churches.  
Delesslyn reported that Mission Insight has been helpful to some churches. Funding has been coming from New Church but will expire soon. The Commission is finalizing their 2019 calendar.

**Tall Oaks Commission**

Kristin reported that the two most significant things to report are that we do not yet have final numbers on this year's Gala and that there was a quote provided by Miller Management regarding a financial review for Tall Oaks moving forward. The commission will be meeting on November 28.

**Commission on Order of the Ministry**

Rob Carr is hopeful that the renewal of standing process for 2019 will be completed soon. There are several people under care who are attending seminary as well as folks seeking Commissioning. A question was asked regarding the composition of the Ordination and Standing Committee, especially regarding women and people of color. There are currently two women and no people of color. Rob indicated that they will be looking into that issue. A system of

rotating terms is being established with some rotating off in 2019 with new people coming in. Casey expressed concern regarding Disciples Heritage congregations and the standing of their ministers. Bill answered the concerns as they are being addressed by the Regional College of Ministers.

#### **Disciples Women**

Veronica reported that DW Cabinet met and changed her title to DW Coordinator. (She is no longer transitional.) She has connected with several churches to coordinate events. There is a leadership council in January that she will attend. Kristin suggested that DW should establish an scholarship fund for women to attend their retreats.

#### **MoKan Fellowship**

Sheryl Tucker had no report, but she will have one for the next meeting.

#### **KC Convencion**

No report. Bill said that 2 Convencion pastors and he will be attending an Obra Hispana national meeting in January. He also reported that the historic Alta Vista church building is in need of repairs.

#### **Young Disciples**

Travis reported that the CYF Regional Bonfire occurred in November. He is also going to be announcing a mission trip for all Regional youth to Eagle Pass, Texas soon. The limit on attendance is probably around 20. Minimum age is 14 (having finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade.)

#### **Community Engagement**

Matthew reported that he had attended the Parliament of World Religions with over 200 unique religions represented there. He plans to use what he learned to reach out ecumenically in our Region. Mark Johnson with Alliance Q is interested in creating a KC team and Matthew has met with him through Skype to try to help form that team.

#### **MORE2**

Mary Lou reported about a luncheon held recently that was an outreach to women specifically. She will try to get the information for upcoming meetings published throughout the Region.

#### **Personnel Committee**

They are working on a new Personnel handbook. They meet once a month.

#### **Regional Minister and President**

Bill suggested we look at his report online.

#### **Regional Minister for New and Transforming Churches**

Delesslyn will be reporting in writing in the future. She will submit her electronic report to Jessica.

#### **Action Items**

See Finance action item above in Finance report.

- Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation o Reconciliation Ministries
- Executive Director Rev. April Johnson is proposing that we schedule another Power Analysis training (pre-requisite for trainer candidates) February 25-27 at Tall Oaks, then a Train the Trainer event May 6-8.
- Cost for Power Analysis training to CC(DOC)GKC - \$2500 ▪ Cost for Train-the-Trainer to CC(DOC)GKC up to \$4500
  - Both events would be hosted at Tall Oaks ▪ Balance in the CC(DOC)GKC fund \$17,435
- Rob Carr moved and Gerry Jones seconded to approve these events. Motion carried.

- Resolution to affirm South Summit Christian Church

The Board of Directors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City commends South Summit Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for its joint venture with SymbioBiz and Flexplay to offer yet another example of constructive community engagement. Thank you for your faith, courage and hard work. Our prayers and support are with you. Rob Carr moved, Travis Smith McKee seconded to approve this resolution. Motion carried.

**United Christian Presbyterian Church in Lawson, MO** sent a letter indicating that they voted that they would like their affiliation be moved to the Greater KC Region from the Mid America Region. They also have an affiliation with the KC area Presbytery. In accordance with paragraph 29 of the Design for The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Jeff Hon moved, Suzi seconded that we approve this request regarding including United Christian Presbyterian Church n Lawson, MO in the Greater Kansas City Region. Motion carried.

**Regional Meetings in the event of Inclement Weather**

In the event of weather conditions that make travel by automobile unsafe, Regional office staff will, upon request from the meeting organizer, will set up a Zoom video/telephone conference and send invitations by email to meeting participants. Travis Smith McKee moved, Matthew Silvers seconded that we adopt this policy regarding electronic meetings during inclement weather. Motion carried.

General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens will be in Kansas City on January 12. She is going to be doing a Martin Luther King, Jr. presentation that weekend. There is a possibility of having her interact with the Region. Travis suggested that we have a small group discussion before our next meeting to propose an event in which Rev. Hord Owens interacts with the Region. Delesslyn Kennebrew, Travis Smith McKee, Rob Carr and Veronica Fallah volunteered to gather input and suggest possible activities. Travis will send an e-mail to get the ball rolling.

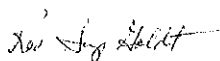
The Jazz Carol Fest at Community Christian is a fundraiser for the Week of Compassion. They are hoping to make this a Regional event in the future.

We have not heard from the Nominating Committee. Also, there was no report about the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation team formation.

The next meeting date will be December 17, 2018 at 9:30 am at Merriam Christian Church. A lunch will be provided following the meeting.

Delesslyn offered a benediction. Meeting adjourned at 11:49

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Suzi Goldt, Secretary

