

**Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City  
February 26, 2018**

Present: Rob Carr, Laura Phillips, Erin Wathen (Chair), Kristin Dow, Casey Sigman, Veronica Fallah, Gerry Jones, Jessica Lopez, James Vertreese (Treasurer), Bill Rose-Heim (Regional Minister), Bo Crowe (Past Chair), Suzi Goldt (Secretary), Travis Smith McKee, Jeff Hon.

Bill opened the meeting with a devotion.

We introduced ourselves to Jessica.

**Approval of minutes:** Gerry Jones moved, Laura Phillips seconded to approve the minutes with the change in the numbers of the amount to fund for the Tall Oaks transition from \$3,000 to \$3,500. Motion carried.

**Year End Financials:** We still have some money to be transferred regarding camp fees that will reduce the amount of the Region's cash and increase the amount of Tall Oaks cash. It will also reduce the Accounts Receivable of Tall Oaks. Budget and Finance has been talking to Treasury Services.

We are still investigating other firms for accounting. We have a bid from Miller Management and are awaiting one from Keller/Owens. If we make a change we'll have to move all our monies from Indianapolis to a local bank, which will require a bit more work within the Region office. It would probably be a good idea to have an audit as we change accounting firms.

Travis Smith McKee joined the meeting at this point.

Erin suggested a special meeting be called when we are ready to make the financial transition separating cash between Tall Oaks and other Regional sectors.

We discussed percentages of allocation of Disciples Mission Fund monies. We currently retain 40.7% of DMF monies contributed from our congregations. We discussed overall the trends in overall DMF funding.

Gerry Jones moved, James Vertreese seconded authorized the Regional Minister to execute the agreement with DMF at the current level of 40.7%. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

**Stewardship and Development** – Bill reported for Jeff Hon. They have met and are very hopeful due to the involvement of dedicated people. The team will be meeting again in April.

**New and Transforming Church** – See written report. Travis reported on his trip to the Mission Gathering Conference in San Diego during the past week. Casey is going to a meeting in Seattle; Jose is going to Chicago for a meeting as well. Six excellent applications have already been received. There are at least 3 others coming in. Casey showed us the promotional video for finding the right person for the New and Transforming Church position. It should be up on the website and social media soon. We were encouraged to share it on our social media and in our churches. Applications are being accepted through March 23. The team is meeting again this week to determine specific questions to ask. A new website "newtransformingchurch.com" has been built and is ready to use.

Jeff Hon joined the meeting at this point.

**Tall Oaks Commission** – see written report. The next meeting is later this week. We highlighted the MDA issue, and that they are working with a group of local parents to provide events for them. Kristin also pointed out that as the Tall Oaks transition proceeds, the process how we pay for camp and how we are invoiced will be changing. During the transition there will be hiccups, and we ask for grace and understanding.