

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 14, 2017**

**Present:** Erin Wathen, Mary Lou Kegler, James Vertreese, Kristin Dow, Jeff Hon, Neil Engle, Gerry Jones, Jose Martinez, Bo Crowe, Travis Smith Mckee, Rob Carr. Suzi Goldt

**Opening Devotion**

Bill offered a devotion entitled "Among the poor" from "Cloth for the Cradle" – Iona Community.

**Minutes Approval**

Minutes of the October and November meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Reports**

**Financial Report**

November financial statements were not available. James reported that our investments in the Christian Church Foundation are doing well. There is also some good news of new individual donor support. Since the last meeting James met with the New and Transforming Church Commission to clarify their future plans. Budget and Finance have been discussing ideas, and discovered they need to speak to other groups to finalize a budget for 2018. They anticipate having the budget ready for approval at the Board meeting in early January. Staffing is the largest issue to be determined to be able to finalize the budget. Personnel Committee is making those decisions. Erin suggested trying to get more input from throughout the Region so that it is proactive, rather than reactive, in the future. She suggested a meeting in September for the visioning and goal setting that would shape our budget.

James pointed out that the Budget and Finance Chair has not been attending Board meetings, and he/she needs to be included. See motion under Action Items.

**New Church Report**

See report from December 6 (electronic copy requested.) Additionally, Travis Smith McKee reported that there was some discussion that the Bacon Fund might not cover the Transforming church portion of a paid position. The New church portion of the work would be approximately 75% of the position's work, so perhaps funds for the rest could be found from funds formerly allocated to retiring position. The proposition is to establish one new church each year for 5 years.

**Tall Oaks Commission**

Kristin Dow reported that the Co-Chairs (Kristin and Suzi Goldt) and Interim Director Martha Pierce met to work on the budget and it will be presented to the Tall Oaks Commission next week for approval and then to the Budget and Finance Committee later that day.

Look for a video communication from the Region that explains the proposed new structure of Tall Oaks. We are urged to share it with our congregations.

The Commission is meeting the attorney Greg Lam next week to start developing the new structure.

**Commission on the Order of Ministry**

A list of books that we have all been reading is being compiled for everyone's information. The standing form is in transformation and will hopefully be easier to use in the future.

**MoKan**

No report

**Obra Hispana**

No report.

**Disciples Women**

No report.

**Young Disciples**

Travis Smith McKee reported that CYF Midwinter will be held on January 5, 6 and 7 and the Chi Rho Retreat will be February 23-24, both at Tall Oaks. There will be more communication through the Region soon. Volunteer help for both is needed.

**Personnel**

Bill reported that Personnel will be meeting at the end of the month and reviewing the General Minister and President's position.

**Regional Minister**

No report.

**Unfilled Board Positions**

Community Engagement and Lay "At-Large" – Erin suggested that we continue to look for the right persons to fill these positions. Gerry Jones discussed the nebulous nature of the "At-Large" position and would like more definition of its role.

**Action Items**

James Vertreese moved, Gerry Jones seconded that the Budget and Finance Committee Chair be made a member of the Regional Board. Motion carried.

**Announcements**

Laura Phillips is going to be on maternity leave at the next General meeting, so Mary Lou Kegler will be representing

**Next Meeting**

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on January 8 at 11 am at Merriam Christian Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Suzi Goldt  
Secretary