

September 14 2020 Executive Committee Meeting

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Mark Willis

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Present via Zoom: Bill Rose-Heim, Mary Lou Kegler, Charles Warner, Mark Willis, James Vertreese, John Steinmetz, Bo Crowe

Opening: MLK shared her morning devotion on Ephesians 1:7. BRH offered prayer.

Charles Warner- research on behalf of the Finance Committee into restricted funds given and how they might be used by Region ethically and responsibility

Looked at three funds under New Church finances:

- Bowen Fund - \$204,000 - established in honor of Bowens, who had served at missionaries for many years. Purpose of trust was to be used for the general purpose of aiding, establishing, and developing christian churches in the Kansas City area. 1956 memo of understanding, funds to be used for building projects under Church Extension loans, BUT all funds repaid through fund could be used at Board discretion without restrictions. Charles believes this fund can be used by Region for general purposes as all loans were repaid.

-Miller Fund - \$49,444 - established in 2009 - nothing in trust language restricts beneficiaries use of funds - if there were restrictions placed on trust by Board, Board can change/rescind through internal action

-Builder's Club - \$20,882 - established in 200 from Distribution from trust - no restrictions in trust language except to designate funds were to go to "Builder's Club" within region to find building projects - this was a Board designation, and can be adjusted internally - there is language that if the designation is no longer needed, Board can designate for needed expenses as they see fit

John asked about surviving family members and if there were survivors we should consult on changing designations of funds. Charles said the Bowen fund was funded through donations from individuals in honor of Bowens, so no family members connected. He was unsure if the other two funds have surviving family members still connected.

MLK - do we need to post notice of changes for transparency to surviving family members? Charles didn't feel it was necessary. EC decided to share information in agenda for Regional Assembly business meeting of Board for transparency. (Charles left meeting at this point)

Finance

- James wanted to lift up some things from August Financials
- Cash held by UCCR - discussion on how cash was listed - separated out cash sent to UCCR for clarity - so we can tell when they spend from it
- Money from sale of Tall Oaks land was put into Tall Oaks general income. The \$50,000 donation was not included, listed under "Region Support Fund/Congregations"
- PPP Funds were adjusted in accounting, so the report looks different
- Disciples Mission Fund is in line with budget amount we calculated, but is down significantly from last year
- Salary and Benefits are lower than expected - finance will seek to clarify why at their regular meeting on Wednesday
- Reviewed financial statements for Region, New Church, and Tall Oaks
- Question on increase of Tall oaks insurance over what was budgeted by +\$15,000 for the year - need to find why that is so much higher?
- Email about budget for Regional Assembly - asking for \$1200 for Virtual assembly expenses

Tall Oaks

- repairs of mower, MLK contacted, Jeff (TO) needed to authorize repairs to mower - MLK gave permission on behalf of the EC - discussion about making these type of time sensitive decision - MLK felt if expenses was more than \$2000 we should strive to get EC permission - but EC felt decision was responsible and necessary in this case. IN the future, Region minister, Board Moderator and both Tall Oaks Owner/Representatives may make emergency permission for up t \$2000 for necessary expenses

Question from Jeff Clark about donations made to all Oaks - Jeff suggested donations made be made in UCCR name so they could be utilized - James feels donations should come through Region to be used in way Region wants them used - will discuss at finance meeting - BRH advised we consult agreement we signed with UCCR in discussion

Regional Assembly

- need to elect slate of Regional Board officers, and affirm seven lay representatives (need to make sure all seven are willing to continue serving).
- BRH created a survey - first time with large poll voting for official representatives - and is being done virtually - need to document who is voting - to make sure we are honoring our process. We will have Zoom Producer take screenshot of vote so we have documentation of vote.
- BRH said we need 20 congregations participating in Regional Assembly business meeting for vote. He would love to see 50 congregations participating. Asked if we could ask Board Members to contact two close congregations to encourage participation.

Tri-Region partnership - initiative - start of conversation with regional ministers in Kansas and Missouri to share resources or responsibilities in efficient stewardship - spoke with facilitator/coach to create process for regional representative from three regions that engages congregations in those regions to answer what we need the most

and what we could do to meet those needs efficiently and responsibly - Not a merger, but a sharing of ideas/resources - cost for two years for coach to work with region representative would be \$15,000 - so each region would have to commit to spending \$5000. Discussion ensued. Expense would require board approval.

Closing - MLK asked members how their world was going. Bo is a new grandfather! Mark mentioned losing 50+ pounds this summer. John closed with prayer.

Meeting Adjourned - minutes taken by Board Secretary, Mark Willis