

December 3, 2019

Executive Committee Meeting

Present: MLK, BRH, Bo Crowe, Mark Willis, James Vertreese

1. Opened with thoughts and prayer by MLK
2. Minutes from November 4th – Reviewed and discussed several items
 - a. New Church CD due on December 20 – New Church needs to decide what to do with it – *nothing decided yet*
 - b. Need committee to submit their 2020 budgets – *New Church is only committee that has submitted budget for 2020*
 - c. Question: How are DWM Funds accounted – *BRH met with Deb Morche to discuss. DWM accounting used to be separate from Region, now is all together – they are adjusting to this new structure*
 - d. Need to have Rick Riesinger in from DCEF to discuss fundraising – *Executive Committee decide to meet Rick first, on January 6th at 11:30AM if available. Then we will set up meeting with Regional Board. If we proceed, DCEF will set up framework for Capital Campaign, we would staff it.*
 - e. Regional Assembly – June 5-7 – GMP Teresa Hord-Owens will speak – *discussion on offering GMP something for coming to speak. Rev. Dr. Kennebrew and Adria Patterson are co-chairing the assembly.*
3. Churches in Transition in Region
 - a. New Song CC – *congregation will be ending their worship together on December 29, 2019. The building will be sold. They are discussing continuing together in ministry in some fashion, just not worship. Both pastors are leaving at end of 2019 as well.*
 - b. South Summit – *property is listed, one church looked at it but we haven't heard from them since October. No other interest yet. Continuing to clean out the building. We have Chalice Hymnals and bibles – will check with Micah on bibles*
 - c. Blue Ridge Blvd CC – *BRBCC is selling their building to Love United, self-financing the loan. Two years of monthly payments and then a balloon payment at the end of term. Remaining members of BRBCC are worshipping at Eastgate CC. They are not dissolving the corporation of BRBCC at this time.*
 - d. Independence Blvd CC – *they are having budgetary issues and are strongly considering New Beginnings to explore possible options.*

- i. Good News – MICAH ministry was featured on Fox4*
- e. 1st Christian Independence – new partnership with Drumm Farm to provide residences for unaccompanied teens at 1st Christian property – would sell piece of property to Drumm Farm and then help through mission and ministry.*
- f. Living Water CC has applied for a \$250,000 loan through DCEF for their next phase. In order to get \$150,000 of the loan interest free, DCEF requires the Region be a co-signer and listed on the title. Living Water has requested this help, but would like to also be listed on the title. DCEF is fine with this arrangement. The Executive Committee approved the request and will co-sign the loan. Mark Willis will inform Pastor Laura Guy of this action.*
 - i. The Region does not have a policy on this process. The Executive Committee feels we need one ASAP.*

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Executive Committee will meet with Rick Riesinger January 6th at 11:30 AM at next Executive Committee meeting. We will discuss bringing him into talk to Regional Board after that.
- b. Develop a policy on co-signing loans with churches.
- c. Jill Sullins is renting South Summit parsonage – we have learned Rev. Sullins situation has changed from August when we first agreed to let her live in parsonage for two year period. Originally she was going to go back to school for two years, and work part time at Country Club CC in the office. In December Rev. Sullins started a full time job with State Farm Insurance. She is unsure if she will continue in school. We are going to revisit this in January to discuss if rent should adjust based on her improved situation.
- d. Region needs to have a real estate lawyer on retainer to help with all of these property sales and rental situations to make sure we are doing our due diligence. We are collecting references now.
- e. Regional Ministry of Presence – we discussed the possibility of Regional Elders who could be present with our Regional churches through communication and representation. We will discuss further at January Executive Committee Meeting
- f. December 7th at 1:00 PM Executive Committee will meet to discuss Tall Oaks feasibility study and offer from United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats (UCCR) to manage camp. We will then meet with Tall oaks Board at 2:00PM to hear presentation from UCCR.

- g. Next Regional Board meeting is Monday December 9th at 7PM at Merriam CC.
- h. Executive Committee will meet with Budget and Finance at their next meeting, Wednesday December 13th at 1:30PM to discuss 2020 budget and budgetary shortfalls.

Submitted 12/11/19

Rev Mark Willis

Secretary of Regional Board