



Executive Committee Meeting September 13 2021

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Opening Devotion/Prayer/Welcome-Mary Kegler

Introductions

Minutes of Last Meeting--Mark Willis

Opening Prayer - MLK

Financials - James Vertrees

June financials were on website, not a lot going on beyond normal - good position on returns on investments, helped by UCCR with PPP funding they have been receiving

Money from sale of Tall oaks property received (\$149,xxx) - where do we want to store these funds, temporarily restrict until we decide how/where to use

Question asked about where Gala funds go? James explained money can go for special project, but TO operates in deficit Region covers in excess of \$140,000 now - need to discern/decide where these monies go and how they are used to respect donors and continue to cultivate donors

Retreat

BRH is getting transcription from retreat using program recommended by General Church

Came up with foci - areas to focus on:

Financial viability of churches/region

Network of congregations/young disciples

Missional Engagement Together

Disciple Making

Also spoke about communication

Others mentioned hearing Dr. Kennebrew's information about things going on, as well as hearing St. Andrew's story, encouraged by interest and engagement of those joining in online, disappointed by number of those attending given number on board, discussion of fiduciary responsibilities and bylaws/constitution, discussion with Tyrell McTyer and Terri Hord-Owens

Sabbatical Preparation

Getting clarification on foci from retreat to focus on during sabbatical

Answering questions prior to meeting to extend BLR contract

Tall Oaks - meeting with Tall Oaks board to begin discussing tall oaks future on Tuesday August 17 2021 @11:30 AM

MLK asked questions regarding Paxton Jones role during sabbatical - BRH mentioned much of Paxton's time will be spent with search and call.

BRH setting up phone and email to send info to Jessica in office - will need burn phone for Paxton

BRH encouraged us not to pause on foci from retreat

Exec Comm may need to meet one more time before he leaves - will play this by ear

Gathering preliminary budgets from commissions/ministries

Work with Jessica to set up zoom meetings during sabbatical - Mark will host these zoom meetings in BRH absence

Ron Bowen and George Flanagan both stepping down from Scholarship committee and Ordination Committee

respectively - need to develop new leaders to step in to these roles and others - also need lay people to serve (7) James mentioned this is same struggle in churches - older members serving with lack of younger generation being developed to assume roles

MLK recommended Linda Harris to serve in Ordination Committee

Lee Summit Parsonage prep - John reports wood floors in, house painted, ton of work already done - at or below budget so far, yard cleaned up, pergola ordered, new doors, Jeff Hon doing a lot of good work, keeping costs down and getting work done, hoping to be done end of August/September

BRH mentioned preparing a short letter to directors and counselors at camp this summer thanking them - was a difficult summer for our camp staffs

James asked question about how to recruit volunteers for committees/serving in region? BRH suggested an event where information could be shared/given out - an event/gathering for fun, with information tables and fun interactions to get info out

Prayers for Cantrells - lost grandson

BRH closed in prayer

Financials-James Vertreese

July financial statements in, AUGust not in yet.

Sale of TO land caused reduction in value of land we still own as adjustment made.

Asset wise, in a stronger position this year than last year. Market growth helps.

Sale of land was credited to TO statement, making them appear in positive financial situation - this is amirage. Exec Comm and finance committee had discussed setting this money in restricted account until it is decided what we do with it
Innovation grants have been given out, hoping more existing churches take advantage of this opportunity
UCCR/TO Finances

\$62,000 in un-received funds from our camps - we need to transfer from moneys we received for our camps - churches have not been billed yet for their portion of camp fees, James will ask Shandra to get there out asap

PPP funding did help offset expenses, they have not spent all the money we transferred to TO as of this year yet

Jessica intervned with question about TO Gala catering - Lisa is paying from her own pocket but will need reimbursement, wanted to make sure this was approved

Updates

Old Business

South Summit Church/Parsonage update

-additional \$5000 spent to finish project - approved by exec comm

-hoping to finish and list on market by early October at latest

-exec comm may meet there in early october to see progress and results

Bill Drake email-Camp Mgmt Change-sent today

-Jeff is leaving post, James Box already at TO, will step in as director

-Need to make sure he is on insurance for driving vehicles - Jessica/MLK will reach out to get him added

BRH- Letter of Call-sent today

-copy shared with committee but was unable to open, so MLK read her copy to us

-James wasnt sure the compensation package had current figures, seems to be the original amounts from first call six years ago - will need to verify correct figures

-MLK wants Exec Comm to sign off on before she signs off on it, so we may have to revisit after amounts are checked

-Checking to make sure Board has heard and approved this action, unable to find in minutes from June meeting

New Business---Upcoming Board Meeting

Issues---Bill's Sabbatical Finance

Bill Rose-Heim Sabbatical Expenses Proposed

\$7,146.74 – DOC Heritage trip to the British Isles

\$936.00 – DOC seminary in San Luis Potosi

\$500 – Road trip to see family in NY/Maryland

\$8582.74 estimated grand total

ACTION ITEM - BRING EXEC COMM RECOMMENDATION OF \$15000 FOR SABBATICAL EXPENSES - TO BE SPENT OVER NEXT TWO YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COVID INTERRUPTIONS - ALREADY APPROVED BY EXEC COMM PREVIOUSLY

Upcoming Board Meeting September 27th - MLK will set agenda

Next Executive Committee Meeting October 4th - tentatively set to meet at parsonage in Lees Summit we are preparing to sell

Executive Committee approves sending a flower/plant up to \$50 for Rev. Dr. Terri Hord-Owens' mother's funeral - moved/seconded - APPROVED

Prayers: Paxton lost his brother early this morning. Mark has Covid/Delta variant.

Closing Prayer - Neil

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