

**Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
of Greater Kansas City**

Present: Gerry Jones, James Vertreese, Erin Wathen, Travis Smith McKee, Dave Arnold, Matthew Silvers, Casey Sigmon, Rob Carr, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Jessica Lopez, Mary Lou Kegler, Suzi Goldt, Bill Rose-Heim

Opening Devotion: Bill Rose-Heim led us with the antiphon "Prepare the Way of the Lord".

Gerry Jones moved, Casey Sigmon seconded that the minutes of the November meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance Committee: Financial Report

James gave us an overview of the financial situation. We have had a considerable deduction in current assets from this time last year. Our Accounts Receivables are less, which is good. There have been a lot of one-time expenses in the Regional Office, which have led to a significant decrease. We need a significant inflow of cash. Tall Oaks operating is a significant loss. We need to ask ourselves under what circumstances that we can use the Regional Office Endowment without violating the fiduciary responsibilities. Currently we have no stewardship campaign in process, so we need to be creative in establishing a fundraising strategy. New Church needs to transfer funds from the Cherokee fund. Tall Oaks cash deficit is \$130,548 but is a significant improvement from October. We discussed an annual fund raising drive for the Region.

Bylaw Task Group

Gerry Jones brought the completed proposed bylaws from the Task Group. He suggested that the new officers elected for next year implement the new bylaws (if approved by the Board) until such time as the Regional Assembly can approve them. Gerry will do a summary

Stewardship and Development

Jeff Hon no longer wants to lead the commission, so we need to recommend someone to head the group. He will continue to serve.

New and Transforming Church

See written report. They are still working on the applications for new and transforming churches. An alignment task force has been formed for those established churches who would like to be affiliated with us. Rob Carr, Delesslyn Kennebrew and Sharon Cantrell on this task force.

Community Engagement Commission

A Global Ministry intern will be visiting in January. We are hoping to have her speak at DMA. (Matthew had left before this report.)

Tall Oaks Commission

The Commission moved, Rob Carr seconded, "After careful review of Tall Oaks current financial standing, the Tall Oaks Commission recommends to the Greater Kansas City Regional Board that financial separation from the Region should not be accomplished any earlier than September 1, 2019. The purpose of this delay is to allow Tall Oaks time to engage in fundraising to reduce or eliminate the current deficit before we become financially independent. Additionally, the Tall Oaks Commission recommends that the Regional Board approve final appointment of the new Tall Oaks Board of Directors (list attached) effective January 1, 2019. This Tall Oaks Board of Directors will assume responsibility for the fundraising efforts to occur in preparation for financial separation from the GKC Region. The Proposed members of the Tall Oaks Board: Kristin Dow, Donna Rose-Heim, Annetta Vertreese, Suzi Goldt, Jeff Hon, Bill Drake, Beth Brock, Kirby Gould, Annette Hollingsworth, Stacy Kearney, Dan Merrick. Ex-officio: Kelly Lee (Camp Encourage), Martha Pierce (Tall Oaks Director, Bill Rose-Heim (Regional Minister and President). Motion carried.

The Regional Board will determine at the appropriate time that certain criteria must be met before separation can be approved.

The camp and conference coordinator position is still open. Personnel has the position description, but we are still looking for funding to do so.

Commission on the Order of Ministry

Letters will be mailed soon letting ministers know that their commission/ordination standing will be withheld due to lack of boundary training. There is one more training scheduled this month. They are upgrading professional development standards.

Young Disciples

Travis reminded us of CYF and ChiRho Midwinter retreats.

Regional Minister for New and Transforming Churches

See written report. She is excited with the idea of a cohort for pastors exploring church planting.

Regional Minister Report

See written report. Had a meeting with Church Extension about South Summit's finances. The Region owns the parsonage and church campus.

The Alta Vista church building has extensive church repair needs. A Church Extension person toured with Bill and Jessica to review the building repair needs. There is a small congregation meeting there now that cannot afford the repairs. There may be a grant from Church Extension in the works.

The KC Convencion had a good conference. They are becoming connected with Disciples in a greater way.

The Region newsletter that was printed recently was distributed. Bill urged us to take them to our shut ins and put a few in the pews in order to get the word of the Region out into our congregations.

Bill is working on several other items to increase awareness of the Region.

Action Items

Resolution to affirm Lone Jack Christian Church

The Board of Directors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City commends Lone Jack Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for its work to become prepared and trained for on campus emergencies with the help of local emergency service personnel. This is yet another example of constructive community engagement. Thank you for your faith, courage and hard work. Our prayers and support are with you. Motion carried.

Registered Agent in Missouri for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City o Suggested Language for a Motion from the Floor:

▪ Moved that Rev. Barbara Jones, residing at 1100 W 122nd St, Ste B, Kansas City, MO 64145 be appointed registered agent in the state of Missouri for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City. Motion carried. (This is to update our corporate registration in Jefferson City since we are a Region in two states.)

General Minister and President Rev. Terry Hord Owens will be in Kansas City January 12-13

- The Region Board is invited to lunch and discussion with her from noon to 1:30 on January 12@ Merriam CC.
- Terri will be with us for a very special service that includes a "get to know you" interview, Saturday, 2 pm Merriam Christian Church, 9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS.
- Our General Minister and President will also keynote the Interfaith Service during the 2019 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week, Sunday, 3:30 pm at Community Christian Church, 4601 Main Street, KCMO. KC Disciples let's be there in great numbers as our General Minister and President adds her leadership to efforts to help Kansas City become more like the Beloved Community of Dr. King's dream.

Next Meeting: The Region Board will meet January 28 at 9:30 am at Merriam Christian Church

Travis closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Suzi Goldt, Secretary

Dates:

- December 24-25 Regional Office Closed 2019
- January 1 – Regional Office Closed
- January 6-27 Global Ministry intern Cara Wilson in our Region – looking for additional opportunities to speak
- January 7-8 General Commission on the Ministry (RMP attending)
- January 12-13 General Minister and President Re. Terry Hord Owens in Kansas City!
- January 12-21 MLK Week of Events
- https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/f56f08_da48d40a660d4bd09d5899c35ee7e896.pdf
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Federal Holiday
- February 9-12 General Board (Phillips/Rose-Heim attending)
- February 13-15 College of Regional Ministers – Indianapolis (RMP attending)
- February 18 President's Day Federal Holiday
- May 20-21, Heartland Regional Ministers meet at Tall Oaks
- July 20-24, General Assembly, Des Moines, IA 1 <https://ga.disciples.org/>