

January 6, 2020

## Executive Committee Meeting

Present: MLK, BRH, Bo Crowe, Mark Willis, James Vertrees, John Steinmetz

1. Opened with prayer - John
2. Finance Report
  - a. The CD we have been discussing has not been cashed out yet – we already decided to cash it out and wait to re-invest once we determine best use for monies
  - b. Budget 2020
    - i. We need to decide on priorities for budget
    - ii. We need to discuss reassignment of available/existing funds
    - iii. It will be difficult to make it through this year without an influx of income
3. Tall Oaks
  - a. TO Board discussing UCCR option – they believe it is a realistic possibility
  - b. Kristen Dow and Suzi Goldt are stepping off TO Board. Donna Rose-Heim has agreed to serve as Secretary of TO Board.
  - c. Sale of piece of unused property – surveyor out there today, will know value soon and can respond to offer from neighbor for land
  - d. As such, we need a real estate lawyer to advise us in multiple property/real estate questions – have collected names – Mark will check with his congregant's referral, MLK will contact Clayton Harper.
4. Churches in Transition in Region
  - a. South Summit – *we have another church interested in making an offer. First offer from first church came with contingencies – wanted 7-months to close? They had offered \$850,000 with 7-months contingency to sell their building. We countered with \$850,000 if we can close in 60 days. If we must wait 7 months then \$975,000.*
    - i. *SS parsonage – we have not started charging rent yet. There are questions about how we can charge rent as non-profit, asking real estate attorney once chosen. Also, question on Jill Sullins' status – originally she was a student, now has a full time job, not sure she is going back to school? Does this affect what we charge her?*
  - b. New Song CC – *congregation has rescinded its decision to close via vote. They will continue as church, discussing their future. Jeff*

*Hon will stay on as administrator, but not pastor. Looking at being a mission center, serving the community rather than traditional congregation.*

- c. *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.*

5. Camp and Conference

- a. Decided to raise camp fees 5% - Lara Blackwood-Pickrel noted one set of fees listed with wrong amount (too high)
- b. Need to assess how fees will impact overall income. Will need to know for 2020 Regional Budget. Camp and Conference still not charging enough to pay for Camp and Conference Coordinator position completely.

6. Back to Finance

- a. Went through proposed 2020 budget line-by-line with James to review and discuss

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Lara Blackwood-Pickrel affirmed as new head for Youth and Young Disciples.

Submitted 1/30/20

Rev Mark Willis

Secretary of Regional Board