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Regional Board Meeting minutes March 28 2022

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• Opening Devotion

• Presentation by Kansas and Nebraska Region members of the TriRegional Partnership Exploration Steering Committee (15-20 minutes)

-Overview of work and direction - Ruby Brower and Daryl Lauber presented an overview on work that has been done and how we might proceed, discussed "covenant conversations", thanked Peggy and Bill for their help, support, and belief in this project. Question asked about possible timeline of implementation of ideas from this process. Stressed the fluid nature of this exploratory process. Looking to see where this collaboration might take us, open to possibilities and developments.

-Focus on Adaptive Leadership

-Invitations:

- 10 Scholarships for a workshop on August 16-19, focusing on Adaptive Leadership at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita.

- Congregational Covenant Conversations

-Request for blessing

-Request for recommendations for two members for the GKC team (meetings monthly online)

MOTION - Peggy Chandler moved, Kathy Harris second - affirm and bless continuing work of Tri-regional exploration - motion passed

- Consent Agenda - Reports listed on <https://www.kcdisciples.org/regional-board.html>

Excluding: (because they may require board action)

- Treasurer's Report

- Personnel

Motion to approve Consent Agenda - Jan Brooks, second Sheryl Tucker - Motion Passed

TREASURER REPORT - James Vertreese

Tall Oaks - \$245K operating loss w/o PPP assistance 2021

\$168K loss WITH PPP assistance (\$77K) 2021

2022 - Jan - \$0 contributions

Needed \$20K from region in January 2022

James covered 2021 assets and funds - we had a surplus because of sale of properties and land, converting from land assets to liquid funds

Covered Regional donations, had a blessing from Blue Valley CC that helped immensely, but pointed out these (Blue Valley and property sales) were extraordinary developments and can not be counted on yearly

Challenges ahead, and need to understand trends in our finances

QUESTION - why were sales of TO property not put directly into TO - because of years worth of deficits run by TO and because region is responsible for repairs and maintenance of property -

Personnel - new committee member - will bring up additional items under new business

Will review Personnel Policy this year to update and adjust as necessary

Will have staffing issues this summer with BRH being gone on vacation and taking sabbatical trip that was unable to be taken during Sabbatical last year due to Covid

Also - Laura Phillips found and is applying for grant from Pension Fund to cover parental leave for Rev. Yost-Soltani (Up to \$2500) - policy allows up to 8 weeks of leave -

Shandra will come up with list of duties that will need to be covered

Personnel asked for permission to expedite this replacement with Exec Committee so we can fill as soon as possible

- Action Item: Maternity Leave for the Camp and Conference Coordinator (May, June, possibly July) - Policy in place for maternity leave already
- Action Item: Staff the Camp and Conference Coordinator position during Maternity Leave - Peggy Chandler moved, Jan Brooks second - give Personnel permission to fill position without bringing back top board

New Business

- Tall Oaks - updates and next steps

John Steinmetz presented information on options to move forward with Tall Oaks - shared powerpoint with info - history of conversations and possible future moves - use next few months to decide what that future is - research options for board to evaluate at June Board Meeting so next steps can be discussed - have listening sessions across region to discuss options and hear from churches in region - in June meeting may have action items - in September Board meeting discuss what we have found/learned and make decision

Options So Far:

1. Sell TO to a camp operator
2. Make TO separate entity from Region
3. Pilot - do deferred maintenance and new leadership for 3-yr pilot to see if TO could be sustained ministry with reserve fund for maintenance/upkeep
4. Vision - fully invest in the full future for TO, expand capabilities and facilities
5. Sell the land

Gather info and research on these options (and others if they are found) to bring back to board in June and then begin scheduling listening sessions and conversations

Discussion of camps across other regions, continuation of camping ministry under options, several options have been followed in other regions to varying degrees of success If information is known, experiences of other successes or failures - anything that might help with research - PLEASE send to John Steinmetz - johnsteinmetz@yahoo.com 913-526-1276

BRH mention the importance of us owning this decision as a REGION - do our due diligence in finding the best idea and committing to it together

- Action Item: Funding repairs needed to operate Tall Oaks during the 2022 season

BRH - we have increased our cc limit so we can help to fund materials for projects to expedite repairs and maintenance to get ready for camp season

- Regional Assembly October 14-15, 2022

- Action Item: Accept with gratitude the offer of Overland Park Christian Church to host

• Other:

Dr. Kennebrew mentioned church planter cohort - new church planter in KC seeing 60-100 attendees between two locations, other new church options launching as well - almost maxed out grant budget for 2022 to help churches

Mindy Fugarino - BBC - video devotions for each day of Holy Week available through regional links/emails

Shandra - 45 CYF youth and 12 adults at TO for mid-winter retreat - Thanks to LBP for keynoting. Camp and Conference Committee working to provide safe and fulfilling camps for 2022

LBP reminded looking for sophomores/juniors to serve on CYF Cabinet - applications open now - applications on regional website

Remind - camp registration open - May 15th for the Early-bird deadline.

BRH - joy of support for continuing ministry and new ordinations

MLK - we have a lot of work in front of us, big decision to be made - be prayerful, listen to one another, speak openly and honestly with each other - about God's work collectively

- Closing Prayer - Dr. Kennebrew

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Thank you, Mark! That was quick!

Thank you, John for giving direction to future action regarding a decision about Tall Oaks

Thank you, James for the concise Financial report

Thank you, Mary Lou for reinforcing a culture of transparency and honest conversation

Thank you, Neil for making Daryl and Ruby feel so at home.

What a blessing is this Executive Committee!

Jessica, welcome back. Hope that you enjoyed your short vacation. Please upload these minutes (attached as a document) to the Regional Board page.

Gratefully

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Thank you Mark---job well done. You helped me "keep it moving". I appreciate your hard work and efforts.

BLESSINGS---mlk

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