

Notes from Regional Board

June 22, 2020

Present:

John Steinmetz, Janet Brooks, Sheryl Tucker, David Arnold, Peggy Chandler, James Vertreese, Rob Carr, Janice Harris, Keith Asaeli, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Mary Lou Kegler, Gerald Jones, Dave Roebuck, Laura Phillips, Linda Harris, Trish Winters, Laura Blackwood Pickrel and Bill Rose-Heim

Due to a technical issue with the Zoom server, the meeting was delayed for a half-hour and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

There were sixteen voting members and two ex-officio staff members there was a quorum.

Opening devotion was A Prayer for the Church (video) taken from the writings of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A reading of the minutes was postponed.

Rev. Vertreese reviewed the Financial Report which is found at www.kcdisciples.org/regional-board

Among the items noted were:

- Award of the PPP loan of \$166,418
- The proceeds from the sale of the South Summit Christian Church is also included in the Operating Fund total
- Decreased value of invested funds \$440,000 decrease
- Deficits in the operating budgets of the Regional Office and Tall Oaks
- Significant decrease in giving to the Disciples Mission Fund and Regional Support
- Added to the report were:
 - estimates for repairs to the roof of the dining hall at \$21,580
 - Deposit for UCCR is \$80,000 per Site Management Agreement
 - deposits for camps scheduled from August 1-December 31, 2020 are listed as deferred revenue (\$44,977) and will be transferred to the UCCR Tall Oaks operating fund on August 1st.
 - These amounts total \$153,567 needed near term for Tall Oaks
 - Added recently was a request for replacement of flooring in the single wide and double wide trailers (housing for staff) \$23,600

Report from Tall Oaks: A requirement of the Site Maintenance Agreement is that the Tall Oaks property owners (the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City) must appoint two delegates to the UCCR Owners Council

- Laura Phillips moved that Dr. William Drake (Tall Oaks Board chair) and Rev. Dr. Lara Blackwood Pickrel to serve as our representatives to the Owners Council. Gerald Jones offered a second. The motion was approved.

- United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats submitted a request for a camp Truck that would be owned by our Region and used for hauling supplies and pulling trailers. Cost for a good used 4x4 truck is \$6,000
- There is a proposed amendment to the Agreement between UCCR and the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City to modify the income formula from a straight 24% to UCCR from all user fees to \$5,281 monthly base income plus 5% of revenue up to 22,000 and 12% of income over \$22,000. Gerald Jones moved to approve the proposed amendment. Rob Carr offered a second. The motion was approved: thirteen yes, one abstention.
 - Given the financial constraints Trish Winters offered to contact the former board chair and a trustee of the Cherokee Christian Church about repurposing the unused gift of the Clergy Retreat designated fund for help with current expenses.
 - Vote on the UCCR Amendment: Gerald Moved to approve the first amendment to the agreement between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats. Rob Carr offered a second. Discussion included a caution to be careful stewards. Seventeen voted yes
 - John Steinmetz – presented on the proposed sale of the property (see [report](#) and [contract](#) – since corrected) to Mr. Parr who owns the acreage around the south and east of Tall Oaks. "There being a quorum present, and following presentation of Contract to sell by Moderator-Elect John Steinmetz, Robert Carr moved approval of the Sale of 79 acres of Tall Oaks land east of the main campus as outlined in the document presented by Mr. Steinmetz (attached). Gerald Jones offered a second. Following discussion, a vote was taken. Thirteen yes. No one voted no. One abstained. (Ex officio participants did not vote). The motion was approved."
 - John will talk to the attorney on June 23 and anticipates executing the sale by mid-July (July 22) unless the survey takes longer.
 - Vote on the Truck for Tall Oaks: Rob Carr moved to allocate \$6,000 from Regional funds to purchase the truck. Peggy Chandler offered a second. Truck will be owned by Tall Oaks and our Region takes responsibility. 14 voted yes, no one voted no, there were no abstentions.
 - James Vertreese reported on what Jeff Hon shared about the Empire Direct –
 - Bid on the flooring - \$20,000 need to get two others
 - Roof needs to be replaced on the Director’s home
 - Discussion – invite help from the construction community to assess the needs and report to the Executive Committee. Jan Brooks will ask her son to recommend other contractors
 - Bill Rose-Heim to forward this information to the Executive Committee for further action

Disciples Women’s report was given by Vice President, Jan Brooks:

- Deposits received for the Fall 2020 DWM retreat have been credited to the Fall 2021 Disciples Women Retreat

Regional Assembly Planning Team report was given by Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Kennebrew

- The planning team proposes to offer the Regional Assembly online: Rev. Rob Carr moved approval of an online Regional Assembly on or about Saturday, October 3rd. Rev. Trish Winters offered a second. Thirteen voted yes. There was one abstention.
- Rev. Trish Winters, Regional representative to the MORE2 Board of Directors reported:
 - Action opportunities this week Thunder Thursday in KCK For those comfortable with in person actions, join us Thursday nights at 6:30pm in front of the Wyandotte County Unified Government building (701 N 7th St, KCK), as we lift our voices in calls for justice in KCK. Learn more and share on social media. For more info, contact marcus@more2.org.
 - Safe and Welcoming Letter Writing Wyandotte residents, you can now contact your local officials to share your support of Safe and Welcoming Wyandotte, which would create a municipal ID system and restrict cooperation of local law enforcement with ICE, with the ease of clicking a button. Visit our online letter campaign to send a letter to the mayor, your at-large commissioner, and your local commissioner.
 - Medicaid Expansion Outreach We are a few weeks away from voting to Pass Medicaid Expansion so that Missourians get covered, rural hospitals stay open, and lives are saved. The only way we can do it, is if we get your help!
 - Dr. Yolanda Smith, a member of New Vision Christian Church is going to be a Regional representative to the MORE2 Board of Directors (Each co-sponsoring agency has two representatives.)

Becoming Beloved Community Team is sponsoring our first Regional Juneteenth celebration, – Saturday June 27th – 12-1:30 pm register here: <https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/gkc-june-teenth-festival>

- Regional Board Anti-Racism Workshop
 - Rev. Rose-Heim will talk with trainers and send a doodle poll to Board members to schedule three two-hour sessions for the Board presented by KC Disciples who have been equipped to lead them.

Report of the Regional Minister for New and Transforming Church

Recommendation from the Commission for New and Transforming Church to refocus its work for new and transforming churches to include all congregations that need help with innovating in response to changes in popular culture, communications, and religious life in the U.S.

Recommend:

- Rename their group the Commission on Ministry Innovation
 - Change Dr. Kennebrew's Title to Regional Minister for Ministry Innovation
 - Designate Bacon to include innovation.
 - Innovation circles
 - Lecture series – seminary professors
 - Conversations become part of the ethos of KC

Rob Carr moved to authorize the Executive Committee to act on the proposed nomenclature changes upon receipt of a written proposal by the Commission - Peggy Chandler offered a second. Ten voted yes, no one voted not and there were no abstentions.

Regional Minister and President Report

- Noted that his report and several other are on the Regional Board web Page and available for public view
- As time was short, he pointed only to a new initiative by Regional Ministers of the Kansas, Nebraska, and Greater Kansas City Regions to explore ways to exercise partnership and resource sharing. They have been joined by our General Minister and President and will apply for an Oreon E. Scott grant to contract with a professional coach. Rev. Mary Lou Kegler will appoint three persons from the Region to participate in this tri-Regional exploration.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Rose-Heim
Regional Minister and President