Regional Board Meeting via Zoom
March 23, 2020
7:00PM

**Opening:** BRH opened with scripture and prayer

**Attendance:** Bill Rose-Heim, Mary Lou Kegler, Gerry Jones, Peggy Chandler, James Vertrees, Laura Phillips, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Trish Winters, Jan Harris, Keith Asaeli, Lara Blackwood-Pickrel, John Steinmetz, Mark Willis, Rob Carr, Rodolfo Acosta, David Arnold, Linda Harris, Travis Smith McKee, Debbie Morche

**OF SPECIAL NOTE**
Moderator MaryLou Kegler - recommended we suspend normal report giving and meeting and deal with special circumstances of Covid-19 and its ramifications on our Region. - Rob Carr moved, Trish Winters 2nd - passed

MLK – we will meet in two weeks via zoom if possible to review/vote on 2020 budget

**REGIONAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
BRH - some good things that are happening
- streaming worship services - amazing things going on online with our churches
- Delesslyn even set up after worship brunch, and happy hour for people to connect all online
- BRH - staff update, all are working from home, regional office housed at MCC
- see report for more things going on general level in response to crisis

**TALL OAKS**
John Steinmetz reports there is interest in purchase of land, 80 acres on edge of Tall oaks, 3 parties have contacted us
Parcel is on the far east side of TO and has been appraised for $280,000
$150000 offer from one party
Forest School interest, quoted $3000/acre, they are good with that range

Options - accept offer, counter offer, get offer from forest school, or put on market, not do anything, or ?
UCCR has agreed this excess acreage would not interfere with operations
BRH notes forest school folding per Martha today
Gerry Jones asked- how is access? Want to make sure access is addressed
We would need our own real estate attorney, whom we have secured, to word
any agreement to limit development and additional sales

Rob Carr – I am comfortable with John and our attorney pursuing a counter
offer with party that already made offer. Gerry Jones so moved, Peggy
Chandler 2nd - passed

UPDATE ON SALE OF SOUTH SUMMIT
Mark Willis gave update on South Summit sale and parsonage rent
   We sold the church building and property for $910,000, netting $304,000
   for the region. The Regional Board will need to decide what to do with those
   funds.
   We are renting the South Summit parsonage to the former pastor until
   September 2021, per an agreement with South Summit prior to their closing.
   John Steinmetz is handling this interaction with the pastor.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE
Delessyln - regional assembly is scheduled June, team has done a lot of work,
but obviously recent events have impacted this planning, team has paused
until board indicates how to proceed
Question before board - Should we do it digitally or move to fall
Delessyln believes moving to fall would be better – Laura Phillips moved/LBP
2nd - move regional assembly to fall, date TBD - passed

SPECIAL REQUEST
Pastor Rodolfo Acosta - Hispanic churches needing help, pastors and
congregants laid off during this pandemic, his plan would help 100 families with
$4000 donation for groceries
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rant options or budgetary options discussed, Mark Willis asked if south summit
monies could be used

Rob Carr - moved we give a $4000 emergency gift to Obra Hispana, who are
dealing with emergencies related to pandemic, to support/help 100 families for
one week. Pastor Acosta hopes to open options for additional funds from
Hispanic businesses and organizations with this gift - Peggy Chandler 2nd -
passed
GOOD OF THE CHURCH
MLK asked for people to give one word for how you feel, went around and people shared – “grateful, torn, hopeful, faith, courage, numb...”- asked Laura Phillips and LBP to expound on their words

MLK - We will get through this, we serve the almighty God, in the midst of the storm there is a bright side somewhere, and we will find it

John Steinmetz closed us with a prayer

Next meeting April 6 at 7pm via Zoom to update and review 2020 budget