

Regional Board Meeting via Zoom
December 7 2020

Opening Prayer - John Steinmetz

Secretary's Report - not downloaded

Treasurer's Report

Showing large income increase over 2020 - this figure inflated by sale of South Summit CC as well as CD's that were cashed out

James explained several account increases and decreases by reviewing moneys transferred +-
and moved for expenses throughout the year

New Church financial situation not greatly changed

Tall Oaks - discussed transfer of management and financial line items to UCCR

Treasurer's Report paused for:

Video Celebration - BRH shared a video highlighting 2020 for Greater KC Disciples congregations

Treasurer's Report continued:

1. Camp and Conference Budget presented

Questions on medicine expenses, decided not to adjust budget as Rev. Soltani offered to donate an extra epi-pen as she gets them free from her insurance

2. Ministry Innovation Budget presented

Discussed the expenses and New Church funds that cover

3. UCCR Tall Oaks Budget - **we do not approve this budget**, but Treasurer wanted us to be aware of budget and its intricacies

4. Regional Office Operating Budget presented

BRH - shared a general overview of budgets to help us understand the "big" picture with regards to budgets and 2021. Mentioned giving is down, though we are doing better than some Regions. Discussed stewardship as a spiritual discipline within Disciple's congregations.

Treasurer moved three budgets (Camp and Conference, Ministry Innovations, and Reg Office Operating) be accepted with adjustments noted by Treasurer during discussion - Motion Passed

Special Thank you to James Vertreese and the finance committee for their tireless work on these budgets.

Question asked about getting more of our congregation involved and committed to regional ministry.

MLK asked BRH to discuss the funds the Regional Board had designated some time ago. Since the Board designated the money, the Regional Board can change designation. These funds could be freed up to be more available for what church needs right now.

MLK - executive committee is asking Board to re-designate so funds could be available for needed expenses (Approx \$274,00 across three funds) - MOTION PASSED

John Steinmetz reported on possible sale of additional acres from Tall Oaks to same family that purchased land from TO in 2020. Asking for \$300 for appraisal of additional 30+ acres to continue discussion. **Executive Committee asking Board for approval to continue conversations with buyer and pay for appraisal. - motion passed**

MLK - Regional Minister is due sabbatical in 2021. Tentatively scheduled for September 1 2021 through November 30 2021. Asked Neil Engle and Mark Willis to speak to sabbatical and possible financial support for it. Both encouraged the Board to find finances to help BRH do more on his sabbatical. Recommended finding at least \$5000-\$10000. MLK asked Neil and Mark to continue discussion with Personnel on this matter. BRH will submit a Sabbatical Plan to the Board in 2021 as per contract. Board will also need to discuss staffing coverage during Sabbatical. Also, need to share information with churches/members in region so that donations might be made.

Ministry Innovation report by Lois Kelley

Report by Rev. Dr. Kennebrew

Personnel Report by Dave Arnold - introduced Kathy Harris, new incoming Chair for Personnel in 2021

Disciples Women submitted report - Jan Brooks - highlighted ways DWM trying to stay connected during Covid

Lara Blackwood-Pickrel mention Regional Youth Cabinet has been meeting via Zoom, planning an online Mid-Winter Retreat

Laura Phillips reported on General Board meeting - 2021 General Assembly has been cancelled - more info to follow - looking to reschedule for 2022

BRH - shared governance committee getting ready to roll out information to congregations

MLK - welcome Adria Patterson, newest lay member serving on Board

Rev. Dr Kennebrew gave report on 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly

BRH closed asking Board members to say Thank you to frontline health workers in shared video that will be shared with them later. He then closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned by MLK

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