

**Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Directors meeting  
Saturday, July 29, 2017 – Conference Office**

Present: John Rostykus, Matt Huntington, Martha Jones, Grace Ramsey, Mark Dutell, David Bahr, Sue Artt, Nathan Miller, Judy Baillie, Tracey Dawson, Jesslynn McDougal, Amber Khederian, Gage Church

Guests: Erin Gilmore, Heath McDougal

Martha Jones invited us to listen to an address from John Dorhauer.

John Rostykus called us to order at 9:15 a.m.

MSP (Artt, Huntington) To approve BOD meeting minutes of June 8, 2017.

John invited BOD members and guests to introduce themselves.

John presented information regarding our role, structure and method of governance.

Sue introduced members of the RMC staff describing their roles.

John reviewed our Core Purpose, Core Values, Vivid Description of the Future and our Big Inspirational Goal.

Matt presented our financial statements through June 2017 with the caveat that the Finance Committee has yet to meet to adjust/approve 2nd quarter statements. Matt also reviewed our *Directors and Officers* insurance liability coverage for BOD members.

John led us through a group exercise refining our understanding of the roles and vision of the BOD.

John and Sue offered a report of 2017 General Synod.

Erin reported on the Association Leaders Retreat.

MSP: To appoint Jody Huntington to the Archway Housing Board of Directors.

John initiated a discussion of the *So That Teams*. Judy reviewed her role as the *So That Teams* Liaison, her hopes for that paradigm and the *So That Teams* that are underway and in active formation.

Erin described the progress of the RMC IGNITE Leadership Initiative. More applicants than spots so far. The planning team is meeting next week on next phase of plans for the first event.

Erin talked more about her new role as Associate Conference Minister. Erin and Sue are arranging travel plans through the fall of 2017 so that Erin will be able to visit as many outlying churches as possible for introduction and continue deep listening. Erin will share her schedule as it unfolds and Board members are encouraged to join her for these introductory gatherings.

Fall Association Meetings schedule was reviewed:

Intermountain Association - October 14 at Kingsbury Community UCC, Vernal, UT

Platte Valley TBA

Western Association - October 6-7 at First Congregational UCC, Grand Junction, CO

Southeastern Association - October 14 at Black Forest Community UCC, Black Forest

Metro Denver Association - October 8 at Berkeley Community UCC, Denver (2:00 - 5:30)

Mark Dutell discussed the Clergy Compensation Guidelines and the need for BOD guidance before Personnel Committee takes on further refinement. The BOD will discuss further at the September meeting.

Sue asked us to think about Annual Celebration 2018 regarding keynote speaker possibilities.

Sue suggested we consider a regular rotation for Annual Celebration venues. We will move forward with plans to hold the 2018 Annual Celebration at LaForet once Sue has coordinated this venue choice with leaders of the Metro Denver Association. Metro Denver Association will be asked to host the event.

John encouraged small groups to consider our goals for this Board of Directors to work on through June 2018. The list of ideas will feed future agendas.

John invited Sue to comment on the need for coordinators for the Three Great Loves. Names were suggested.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

Saturday, September 30, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Saturday, November 11, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday, February 10, Zoom meeting 9:00am - Noon

Saturday, April 28, Zoom meeting 9:00 – Noon

Thursday, June 7, at 2018 Annual Celebration – time TBD

For September 30 meeting:

- Opening: Mark Dutell
- Closing: Jesslynn McDougal
- Scribe: Tracey Dawson

At 2:55 John called us into Executive Session

Judy offered a closing prayer.

John declared the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,  
Nathan Miller, scribe