

Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC
Board of Directors meeting November, 11, 2017

Moderator John Rostykus called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Present: John Rostykus, Sue Artt, Matt Huntington, Nathan Miller, Courtney Dobbins, Jesslynn McDougal , Tracey Dawson, Gage Church, David Bahr, Judy Baillie, Martha Jones (zoom), Carol White (zoom), Mark Dutell (zoom)

Guests: Ron Patterson (zoom) and Erin Gilmore (zoom)

Courtney led us in an opening devotional song.

Minutes of September 30, 2017 meeting were approved by e-vote on October 11, 2017.

Guest Rev. Ron Patterson joined us by Zoom to present Shaping our Future national UCC capital campaign to support the Office of the President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ.

MSP (Gage/Matt) The BOD set aside \$33,000 from the Funds from the 7th Avenue Church Sale. \$15,000 will be directed to Shaping Our Future Fund with the remainder designated for future national UCC initiatives.

John led us into a discussion of our Discretionary Funds.

MSP (Tracey/Gage) We do not accept new requests from individuals and or churches and or organizations for non-emergency funding until and unless we have a process for system-wide consideration of those requests.

It was suggested we could get some help from the Center for Progressive Renewal for perhaps a day retreat where we develop a strategic plan for how we fund our vision of new and renewing churches. An additional concern is how we align our funding model with our vision. David will contact CPR to find out what might be possible.

MSP (David/Gage) That we take off the table consideration of the funding request from First Congregational Church, UCC of Colorado Springs.

MSP (Judy/Tracey) The BOD denies the request from First Congregational Church, UCC of Colorado Springs. This does not fit our current funding practice.

MSP (David/Matt) that we take off the table consideration of the funding request from OMO House.

MSP (Nate/Gage) John, David and Erin will seek further information about the UCC national grant and encourage a plan for accountability before we consider funding of OMO House.

John talked about Sue Artt's sabbatical scheduled to take place approximately September - end of year 2018. The Executive Committee is developing a position description and stipend proposal for a part-part time position to fill in during Sue's sabbatical.

John and Sue gave us an update on good progress at LaForet on several fronts.

MSP (Matt/Judy) To appoint to LaForet Board of Directors Chip Cole (2nd 3-year term) and Mollie Landers-Hatt (1-year fill-in term).

MSP (Matt/Tracey) To appoint Archway Housing Board members for Jan 1, 2018 - Mary Anderies, Yvette Craddock, Paul Herskowitz, Kirk Huggins, Jody Huntington, Jake Joseph, Lynda Junker, Robb Lapp, and David Nestor.

David reported on the Synod Resolution related to Cultural Diversity Training and how this impacts the RMC. Associations will need to update their by-laws to incorporate this requirement into Ministerial Standing. The Conference may play a role in awareness, organization and standardization of the process.

Matt presented a report on our OCWM income, Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet statements.

We reviewed a funding infographic which Cory prepared to send in a packet to all churches for year-end giving plea and 2018 commitments, including options to contribute to OCWM, Friends of the Conference, and Per Capita.

MSP (Matt on behalf of Finance Committee) \$296 Aurora Tragedy Fund to be sent to the City of Aurora Police Department's Aurora Explorer's Program.

Judy recommended we read the *So That Teams'* report and gave us an update.

MSP (Judy/Matt) Approve the amended version of the *So That Team's* Request Form.

We discussed the format/agenda/flow for the 2018 Annual Celebration. Sue presented possible themes for 2018 Annual Celebration.

Judy facilitated a stimulating group discussion: Talk About Money.

John will resend the proposed Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2018, as discussed at September BOD meeting, to solicit feedback via e-mail for the Personnel Committee prior to the February BOD meeting.

John called us into Executive Session at 2:39 and Sue Artt was excused.

Executive Session was adjourned at 2:48; Sue Artt returned.

Next meeting is February 10, 9:00 - noon. It will be a ZOOM meeting.
Assignments: Nate – Scribe, Carol – Opening, Gage – Closing.

Carol White led us in closing prayer.

John declared us adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Miller, Scribe