

**Rocky Mountain Conference UCC
Regular Board Meeting via Zoom
July 15, 2020**

Present: Sue Artt, Judy Baillie, Lee Berg, Tracey Dawson, Mark Dutell, Kay Grice, Martha Jones, Ben Konecny, Mark Long, Andy Nielsen, Larry Ricketts

Absent: Deborah Barnard

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Conference UCC was called to order by Moderator Kay Grice at 9:10 am on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, following check in and reflection from Judy, recognizing the four retiring Board members.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of June 10, 2020 were approved as written.

Real Estate Review

Lee updated on the status of the sale of the property at 2500 South Sheridan. Sue apprised the Board of current rental issues.

Executive Session

At this time the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a property issue.

Racial Justice Think Tank

Following the Executive Session, the Board moved into a discussion of the conference's role in dismantling racism. Sue informed the Board that an anti-racism think tank has been formed whose focus has been defined as developing a plan to educate, support, and mobilize individuals and congregations in the conference to become anti-racist and engage anti-racist action as an expression of deliberative Christian faith and practice.

Erin shared and described the elements of a platform which would link to and provide resources for people in our churches to engage as they do racial justice work. Members of the think tank include Anthony Scott, Pedro Silva, Tracey Perry, Chris Gilmore, Corbin Tobey-Davis, Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson, Kay Grice, Clare Twomey, and Logan Bennett with Sue and Erin as staff liaisons. The plan will be presented in a session during the Annual Celebration and also at the business meeting. Besides building momentum for this work throughout the conference, long range plans include developing cultural competency classes.

Once the think tank completes this formative work and presents it to the Board, it is anticipated the Board will commission a "Ministry Team" to move the work forward; solicitations for members of that team will be received from across the Conference, including current members of the think tank.

Annual Celebration

Sue reviewed the agenda, Board assignments, and some of the procedural aspects for the Annual Celebration, including procedures for voting and recovery plans in case of power failure. No external resolutions have been submitted.

Sue discussed Susan Thistlethwaite's work for the conference and shared the draft of a graphic developed for engaging Susan's lecture. She will distribute the video to the Board to preview.

General Synod Delegation Shift

Sue shared the formula for distribution of delegates to the Thirty-third General Synod. In being allocated eight delegates, Rocky Mountain Conference has lost one delegate. Sue shared the conference's previous model for determining delegates. It was the consensus of the Board that developing a model for selecting delegates be a task of the next Nominating Committee.

Board Meeting Schedule and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board will be scheduled with the new Board following the Annual Celebration. Following a prayer of thanksgiving from Kay, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Scribed by Martha Jones
July 15, 2020