

**Rocky Mountain Conference UCC  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom  
April 27, 2023 – FINAL**

**Board Members Present:** David Bristow, Eleanor Downey, Mark Dutell, Daniel Haas, Ken Ingram, Wendy Kidd, Mark Long, Adam McCoy, Gail McDougal, Diane Weible

**Absent:** James Foucher

**Others Present:** Erin Gilmore, Karen Howe, Doug Wooten

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Conference UCC was called to order by Moderator Ken Ingram at 9:09 am on April 27, 2023. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed. Eleanor requested and was granted 20 minutes to report on the Anti-Racism Ministry Team. The agenda was accepted.

**Business Committee**

Diane Weible reported the committee consisting of Daniel, Gail, David will meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the business meeting of the Annual Celebration and the two resolutions received, which were 1) regarding Eco-justice; 2) regarding Rev. Dr. Anthony Scott.

**Nominating Committee**

Mark Dutell reported that there is high interest in filling board positions and he presented the slate as of meeting's date. He stated the Nominating Committee continues to interview potential candidates.

**Motion** (Mark D/Eleanor): Eliminate the position of Board Strategic Alignment of Assets and Missions and move those responsibilities back to New Ministry Support Committee  
**Vote:** passed

Discussion followed on how to create a diverse board. Erin suggested that at this point it will be in the hands of the voters and a bylaw changes can be proposed later. Mark committed to send the completed slate of nominations via email.

**Personnel Committee**

Adam McCoy reported he was supporting the Bylaws Committee with updates to the Personnel Committee section.

**Bylaws Committee**

David reported the Bylaws Committee had met on numerous occasions. The resulting draft bylaws were presented to the Board. David reviewed the changes indicating that blue lettering are grammatical/consistency changes, red lettering are substantive content changes, and green shows relocation changes.

**Motion** (David/Mark D): Board endorses the changes made and those provisions listed to bring forward to Annual Celebration.

**Provisions:** 1) Board will appoint a member to be on the Nominating Committee and 2) the CM will be on the Search Committee.

**Vote:** passed

### **Conference Minister Report**

Diane reported that the listening sessions are over but one. She is compiling a report on these. Her focus will now be supporting Erin and other staff.

### **Listing Price for 1140 W. 5th St.**

**Motion** (Mark D/Mark L): Board approves the request from the realtor to reduce the asking price from \$1.5 to \$1.3 million.

**Vote:** passed

### **Finance Committee**

Mark L reported that the Finance Committee met on April 17, 2023.

**Motion** (Mark D/Mark L): Board has received and reviewed the financials through March, 2023

**Vote:** passed

Mark L explained the Finance Committee's rationale for investing current funds sitting in a low yield banking account, which is receiving 1.125%. He went on to explain that staggering investments will provide liquidity in the current fluid funding environment.

**Motion** (Mark L/David): The Board invests the one million dollars currently in savings in Cornerstone CD's in \$250,000 three month certificates at two month intervals (four investments) to stagger maturities beginning May, 2023.

**Vote:** passed

Discussion about the Committee looking for and working with a financial advisor was had.

Mark L presented the proposed 2023/2024 budget.

**Motion** (Eleanor/Gail): Board accepts the proposed budget going onto Annual Celebration.

**Vote:** passed

### **Annual Celebration**

Erin presented a draft of the agenda for the 2023 Annual Celebration. She is building worship, tech, and service teams. She reported that there are concerns about creating safe space, behavioral covenants, building community even as we disagree with each other to ensure we have a successful Annual Celebration.

### **Anti-Racism Ministry Team**

Eleanor reported that the Team is currently down to four members who continue to meet regularly. The nominating committee will be placing individuals on the June slate to expand the team. We are hoping to build a diverse team that includes all parts of the Conference. The

Team requested a permanent place on the agenda of all future Board meetings to provide regular reports.

**Associate Conference Minister Report**

Erin reported she is working well with Brianna Gillmore on timely administration of bills. She is planning orientation gatherings for this year's Synod delegates and Melissa is supporting the logistics of going and being at Synod. Erin provided a brief overview of the various search and call activities ongoing in the conference. She gave a brief review of CWCOW efforts.

Broke for Executive Session at 3:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Howe, Scribe