

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 19, 2024

**The RMC is a network of diverse local churches across UT, WY and CO
equipping, supporting, and inspiring one another
to embody the love and justice of Jesus
in our local and collective contexts.**

Present: Sarah B. Linn, Moderator; MaryEllen EB, Vice Moderator; Marta, PVA; Allyson, CJL; Emerson, SEA; Eleanor, Hunter Baker, Treas; Brent Gundlah, IMA; Peter MDA; Erin Gilmore, TCM; Leslie Etheredge, BCM (visitor);

Absent: Ian, RJ; Karen Caton, WA; Adam McCoy, Pers; Laura Gurney, LLL

4:02 Declaration of a Quorum – Sarah

4:03 Centering Moment – Allyson

4:10 Introductions, Welcoming Rev. Leslie Etheredge

4:30 Treasurer / Finance Committee Report – Hunter

- Discussion on Budgeting Process/Timeline – see proposal.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s proposed draft budget memorandum and discussed the budget process and calendar at length. **Consensus – authorize Hunter to revise the draft, clarifying the process of personal outreach to proposed key contacts.**

- We currently have about \$1M we can put to work (that will earn more than 3.65% as it is now at FirstBank) with the additional cash from the sale of the office building. Hunter pondering \$250K in a 6-month note with Cornerstone for a year and \$750K for a two-year note. Q: what if we laddered it – 3, 6, 9, 12 months? **Hunter/Finance Committee will present a proposal at January’s Board meeting.**

- Retaining David Mitchell, independent accountant, to do a 6-month review of our accounts in January. \$250 for an initial review. We need to see a letter from him. Want to consider depreciation of property and make sure it’s properly expensed.

5:27 **Motion:** Approve DRAFT November 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes – with clarification of “possibility” v. “expectation” language. (Allyson/MEB – **approved**)

5:29 **Motion:** Board authorizes the sale of the Node, WY property (currently held on the RMC books at \$10 value) for a sale price expected to be approximately \$1,000 with Hunter Baker and Erin Gilmore's signatures. **Approved.**

5:30 **AC update:** Draft grand agenda available for review, looking to invite Rev Dr Kristina Lizardy Hajbi, who writes/speaks on decolonizing our faith lives. Board approved by consensus. Also: Sarah Linn proposed holding 2026 AC in Provo, UT (June 11-13-ish). With Board support, Sarah will follow up with Provo Dave and contact La Foret re: holding 2027 AC there. **Board approves by consensus.**

5:34 **Next Board meeting:** 4pm on January 16 (Centering moment: MEB)

5:35 Closing Blessing: Allyson

5:38 Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted,
Sarah B. Linn
Moderator