

RMC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

2024 Annual Celebration Minutes (Draft For Approval)

Blessed Flexibility: Annual Celebration 2024 Hybrid Meeting | June 6-8, 2024

Thursday, June 6, 2024

2:30 pm Registration

5:30 pm Gathering and Welcome

6:00 pm Reception

7:30 pm Worship

Friday, June 7, 2024

7:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Optional Q & A on Budget

9:00 am Gathering Devotion

9:30 am Speaker, Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear

10:00 am Reimagining Church Space Panel

11:00 am Break

11:20 am Small Group Breakout Sessions

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Business Meeting

5:00 pm Flextime

6:30 pm 50th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday, June 8, 2024

7:30 am Breakfast

8:15 am Association Meetings

10:15 am Speakouts

11:30 am Worship led by youth/Communion/celebration

12:45 pm Sack Lunch

12:45 pm 2025 Annual Meeting Team

1:15 pm Depart

Business Meeting Friday, June 7, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

Conference Moderator Sarah Linn (hereafter “Sarah”) called the 50th Annual Celebration of the Rocky Mountain Conference called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM. Laura Gurney confirmed that we had a Quorum given the threshold is a third of all churches, that is 25 churches and we had 39 churches represented.

We had 5 items of business to cover during the AC 2024. Sarah introduced Lola Fehr as our Parliamentarian. Lola Fehr provided a 10-minute orientation to Robert’s Rules of Order.

Sarah introduced the Consent Agenda which was published 30 days before the meeting and included:

- Standing Rules (posted on March 20, 2024)
- 2023 Annual Celebration Minutes (posted on website May 6, 2024)
- Grant Voice with Vote to OMO House, Denver
- Grant Voice without Vote to all guests
- Appointment of Lola Fehr as Parliamentarian
- Appointment of Lizka Randall as timekeeper

Colleen Graham rose to ask that the 2023 Annual Celebration be removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion: To accept the Consent Agenda without the 2023 Annual Celebration Minutes.
Motion adopted

Vote: In person - raised voting cards; online – poll. PASSED

Motion: To accept the 2023 Annual Celebration Minutes. Motion adopted.

Vote: In person - raised voting cards; online – raised hands. PASSED

2024-2025 Budget

Sarah invited Rev. Kari Collins to present the Treasurer's Report. Following, Kari presented the 2024-2025 Budget. After Kari presented the proposed budget and responded to a question, there was a discussion. The Budget has been posted and available for review for the last 30 days on the RMC website.

Motion: To approve the 2024-2025 Budget. Motion adopted.

Vote: Simple majority: In person - raised voting cards; online - poll. PASSED

Racial Justice Team report from Rev. Chris Gilmore

Creation Justice League report from Allyson Stauffer

Transitional Period Proposal

Sarah gave an introduction to the transitional period proposal posted on the website 30 days before the meeting. Sarah introduced Brent Gundlah to talk about the proposal.

Colleen Graham raised the concern about the board's unwillingness to make amendments on this document. She noted that there needs to be an evaluation process within this conversation so without the willingness of the board to accept an amendment to include such things as an evaluative process. There was additional discussion about the plan.

Rev. Ralph Bateman called for the question.

Motion: (moved/seconded) To move to a vote. Motion adopted.

Vote: Simple majority: In person - raised voting cards; online - hand raised. PASSED

After the passing of the vote, Sarah moved to the motion on the proposal.

Motion: To approve the Transitional Period Proposal. Motion adopted.

Vote: Simple majority: In person - raised voting cards; online - poll. PASSED

Rev. Jenny Witcher offered a blessing for the proposal.

Committee on Ministry report from Rev. Amy Ward

Lay Leader Development report from Laura Gurney

Nominating Committee Report

Sarah invited Rev. Jenny Boteler to speak to the Nominating Committee Report. After presenting the process the committee used to prepare the slate. There was no discussion.

Motion: To elect the slate of nominees.

Vote: Simple majority: In person - raised voting cards; online - poll. PASSED

There were no nominations from the floor for vacant positions.

Rural Church Ministries report from Rev. Dr. Lisa Stenmark

Sarah announced an interest in holding the **2025 Annual Celebration** in two parts: an online only business meeting earlier in the spring, followed by an in-person only (with live-streamed worship) gathering for connecting, sharing resources, and furthering transition work. Don't be surprised if we seek feedback about moving in that direction. Either way, we are slated to meet June 19-21, 2025 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO.

Sarah announced afternoon activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.