

PNMC Board Meeting, @ Seattle Mennonite Church

November 13

8:30-11:30 am PNMC Board meets with Seattle Mennonite Church Leadership Team - Iris and Weldon

Present PNMC: Linda Dibble, Moderator; Jeryl Hollinger, Moderator-elect; Board Members: Mario Bautista, Isaac Hooley, Joseph Penner, Jeanne Rempel; PNMC Treasurer: Ed Miller, PNMC Secretary: Charlotte Derksen; Absent: Jennifer Sottolano
Present SMC: Weldon Nicely, Marilyn Stahl, Jonathan Neufeld, Melanie Neufeld, Michael Roe, Carl Lind, Pat Shaffer, and other Leadership Team members

The PNMC Board met Saturday morning with some members of Seattle Mennonite Church. On Sunday, members of the board joined SMC members for worship and later for adult studies. Executive Conference Minister Iris DeLeon-Hartshorn gave the message.

1PM to 5:00 PM PNMC Board meeting

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Ed Miller, Treasurer; and Charlotte Derksen, Secretary

1) Dwelling in the Word – Iris

The group reflected again on Luke 4:24-30, waiting for God, reflecting on where the passage touched our work as a board, as members of congregations, as we participate in ministry.

2) The minutes of the September 17-18 PNMC Board Retreat held were approved as written.

3) Peace property recommendations – Jeryl

- That the PNMC Board appoint a Property Management Committee to meet monthly (or as needed and oversee the management of this property for the next 2-3 years – or until such time as PNMC no longer owns the property or until another management structure is determined. This committee would manage the property on behalf of PNMC and make regular reports to the board.
- That the Property Management Committee would consist of no more than eight persons who would serve as volunteers as follows:
 - 1 PNMC Board member (to represent and report to the Board)
 - 1 to 3 appointees from Anawim Christian Community
 - 1 to 3 appointees from Bethel International Church
 - 1 chairperson appointed by the PNMC board (with some experience in property management)
- That the Property Management Committee will have a separate budget with the PNMC conference accounts. This committee will set usage fees and manage the rent and donated funds to ensure that the project is self-supporting, not requiring additional PNMC funding, except by special action.

- That the Property Management Committee establish a “Coordinating Group” to gather weekly to address the coordination needed to be done between the many groups using the facilities.
- That the Property Management Committee conduct 6 months reviews led by the PNMC board representative resulting in a written report to the PNMC board with recommendations if there are some to be considered. These reviews would evaluate how the management, operation, and use of the property is proceeding; whether there are problems, adjustments, or new opportunities to be considered.
- That by the third year of operation (at the latest) of this plan, the PNMC board conduct a review of this way of operating, giving thought to the possibility of moving toward a longer term plan.

The Peace Mennonite property is not the responsibility of the Executive Conference Minister or of her Assistant, but should be that of a Property Management Committee (PMC). The appointments to that PMC need to have things done within purview of the PNMC board.

These recommendations are to provide for the property and mission, interim measure, until Anawim and Bethel can take over running of the property and implementing the mission.

The division of responsibilities between PNMC and the Property Management Team, the detail on the finances, the longer term considerations and the remaining transition questions are all spelled out by the PNMC Peace Property Taskforce report, as submitted by Task Force Chairperson Jeryl Hollinger.

PNMC treasurer, Ed Miller, is maintaining the income and expenses for Peace Mennonite properties and functions, as a separate PNMC fund. Other costs to PNMC for the maintenance and management of the Peace Mennonite properties include some hours by each of the following: oversight by Duncan Smith, some administrative tasks by Barb Buxman, and some consulting time by Iris DeLeon Hartshorn.

After some discussion Joseph Penner volunteered to be the PNMC board member on the to-be-formed Property Management Team. The board members unanimously affirmed him in this role.

3) Rental house – Jeryl & Iris

The rental property is approximately breaking even, as long as no major repairs are needed.

4) ECM report – Iris

- a. Report from the Faith & Practice meeting
- b. Activities that have kept Iris busy included meeting with congregations and pastors, and with members of CIHAN. Peace Mennonite Campus took some time, as well. Iris met with Pastor Leadership and with Faith and Practice. She also attended the Leader’s Forum in Pittsburg and also the AMBS Board meetings, as well as the Mennonite Education Agency Consultation on Distance Learning. AMBS and EMS will jointly provide on-line courses; this change will give PNMC constituents more opportunities to take courses.

5) Annual budget – Ed

Ed reviewed the PNMC financial reports as of October 31 which will appear in the Evangel and on the website. He also reviewed a statement showing the income and expenses for the Peace Mennonite properties.

The budgeting process for 2011 is just beginning. Requests have been sent to the congregations for their giving input, and Iris is working on expense projections.

Ed reviewed the capacity campaign information for Jennifer and Jeanne. The goals of the campaign are: nurturing/developing personal development, education for lay leaders, nurturing healthy congregations and translating all materials into Spanish (other languages as become if and when appropriate) and ongoing financial solvency.

6) Suggested changes in the PNMC Treasurer and Secretary Positions – Linda Dibble

a. The split of the former treasurer responsibilities, between the Treasurer, a PNMC officer, and the administrative assistant, has somewhat mitigated the need for the current structure vis a vis treasurer. It now seems appropriate that the Treasurer should be a voting member of the board.

b. The Secretary job description also needs to be examined; it may be that two types of secretary are needed, a recording secretary and an executive secretary.

7) Executive Conference Minister H.R.A. account or deductible coverage recommendation from Moderator.

Isaac moved that a line item be added to the PNMC budget for a maximum of \$3000 per year, designated to a Health Reimbursement Account. The HRA would reimburse 50% of the Corinthian plan deductible, as a 50/50 match for medical expenses as per submitted receipts up to \$6,000 per calendar year. Any unused portion would not roll into the next year's budget. Jeanne seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

8) Annual meeting reports - All

a. Local arrangements chair is Bonnie Lehman of Salem Mennonite Church. Western Mennonite and Vida Nueva will provide additional members.

b. Delegate discernment sessions; some congregations are moving from business sessions.

c. Program chair suggestions were made by the Board.

d. Theme – Discerning Together

e. Jack Suderman has accepted the invitation to speak at Annual Meeting, 2011 in Salem, OR.)

f. Tentative schedule – Iris

g. The Youth may go to Drift Creek during the PNMC annual meeting

9) Bethel College appointments – Linda

Appointments are for 3-year terms, which can be repeated twice. The Board affirmed Roberta Franz Hodgson as the first appointment. The next to be appointed is Galen Goertzen of Spring Valley, (this term is to begin in January 2012). Each board member pays her/his own way for travel, housing, etc.

The question was asked “is this a PNMC Board approval or should it be a delegate approval?” It was decided that the Board did need to approve these appointments due to the timing of the appointments, as well as the time available to delegates.

10) Youth pastor retreat: who should go? Board members were asked to give feedback to Iris.

11) Covenant between pastors & conferences – Iris Passed out to be covered next time

Next meeting January 22, 2011