

PNMC Board Meeting
Salem Oregon
June 23, 2011

Attending: Moderator: Linda Dibble; Moderator Elect: Jeryl Hollinger, Board Members: Mario Bautista, Isaac Hooley, and Joseph Penner; Outgoing Board Member: Jeanne Rempel; Executive Conference Minister: Iris deLéon-Hartshorn, Interim Conference Minister: Dave Stutzman; MCUSA Representative: Nancy Kauffmann; Outgoing Treasurer: Ed Miller; Secretary: Charlotte Derksen; Search Committee Member: Lynn Miller; Absent: Board Member: Jennifer Sotolano, Incoming Board Member: Jack Swaim; Incoming Treasurer: Harold Nussbaum; and Search Committee Member: Don Bacher.

1) Property Discussion

The property to be offered for sale will not be a big moneymaker, but, when sold, will just bring in enough for the conference to break even. The Letter of Notice to Evacuate was mailed in time; the renter was not happy to receive the notice. Volunteers are needed to help clean up property in July (there will be sign up sheets at delegate sessions). A project manager (or project managers) for the property clean up project are needed. Carroll Kenagy (of Portland) was named as a possibility. At what price do we want to post the property?

Should the board take legal action if renter doesn't leave on time? Board doesn't want to get to that point. The hope is that things can be worked out. Mario made a motion that we attempt to work with the renter to come up with a reasonable-to-both-parties-vacate-date. Joseph seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously. If she does not vacate by June 30, and it does become necessary to help the renter to vacate the property, the board will then come up with ways to facilitate the move.

There is now one outstanding property/utilities bill against renter.

The Parsonage was tentatively valued at \$149,000 in May. Ed suggested relying on Tim Manickam for setting the price. There is still a \$30,000 balance on the house. A suggestion was made to list the house at \$149,000 and take every offer seriously. Jeryl moved that the Moderator, Linda and the Executive Conference Minister, Iris (or interim Conference Minister Dave) and Realtor, Tim, be authorized to negotiate an appropriate sale price and thus delegating the final details of the listing price and subsequent sale of the property to these positions. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Wenger has agreed to be the property management chair for the Peace Property Committee.

Board members will be meeting in July with Simon and Steve – what do Board members expect to hear regarding the financing? Will it be necessary to set a selling price for the rest of the property, the Church/Barn/house, often referred to the Peace Property? It is now time for the first year’s evaluation of the Peace Property use. Do Simon and Steve, respectively, both still wish to jointly own the property; Is the Board willing to carry a loan to both Simon and Steve or to just one? Or does the Board not want to get into this kind of financing? It isn’t known whether fundraising efforts have occurred for either party. Should we still keep a hand on the property (e.g. put restrictions on what they can do with property)?

One possibility would be to set up a nonprofit organization, with a PNMC Board representative as a participant. The nonprofit would comprise both parties; the 501c would jointly refer to both organizations. Relationally, it would be bad to sell to just one; neither could manage alone; furthermore dealing with just one party would make bad relations for both. Jeryl suggested a “sale” price of \$600,000. Mario countered with a request to start the discussion at \$800,000.

It will be important to get a timetable for moving forward on the Peace Property; it will be important for Simon and Steve together with the Board to set reasonable goals (e.g. Getting 501c in 6 months, which will require board approval) and to plan the next steps. It was suggested that a PNMC representative be appointed to the Peace Property board. It will be imperative to determine what is important to both groups, as well as to PNMC. It will be vital to ensure that all documents are in the name of the board, not in the name of an individual. It will be Necessary to also have a dissolution clause. Linda will talk with John Bayless, PNMCs attorney advisor

2) Resolution/Approval of Interim ECM Covenant – Linda, Jeryl, Ed, Charlotte

Board members expressed thanks to Dave Stutzman for his willingness to take on this new, temporary task.

Linda reminded the group of the fact that this resolution will be in effect only until August 31. An official extension and/or a new covenant will be required if it is necessary for Dave to continue longer and/or work more hours.

3) Review Executive Conference Minister Job Description – Iris with Board, Search Committee, and Nancy Kauffmann

It was agreed that there is no way that this position can be do both all of the work of an executive conference minister PLUS contribute substantial effort to funding raising. The question was raised as to whether we should hire someone else ¼ time as a dedicated fundraiser. The Conference Minister would also contribute some effort but would not be dedicated to the task.

Should the conference arrange for seminary courses for local pastors, held within the PNMC geographical area? It would be helpful for PNMC to have available more gatherings/ workshops/ pastors courses / teams. The question was how to

get them going, with only one Executive Conference Minister as the current resource. The theology team is not currently active; Iris has been trying to get them going.

We don't have an active finance team named, but it would be helpful to the conference to have one.

Most district pastors have enough on the plate and can't take on more responsibility.

If pastoral reviews and transitions aren't done well, problems and arise, involving all concerned.

Closing Prayer – Jeryl Hollinger