

Minutes for PNMC Board Meeting for December 10, 2016 via ZOOM

Present: Todd Lehman, Twila Lehman, Jack Swaim, Janet Szabo, Jan Yoder, Kathleen Aeschliman, Katherine Jameson Pitts, Jennifer Delanty, Brett Tieszen, Tom Brenneman

Unable to Attend: Nelly Ascencio

Jack opened our meeting by asking each of us to share something that we're thankful for.

1. Draft PNMC Annual Budget

- Brett thinks we'll have reduced giving this coming year. He doesn't expect any giving from Logsdon or River of Life.
- He has reduced giving expectations to \$0 for a few congregations.
- Annual meeting giving expectations for 2017 will be less due to smaller amount of time (1.5 days) and the Orlando meeting in July.
- Jack, Brett, and Katherine will meet to discuss Katherine's salary.
- Brett will move Katherine's reimbursement to an HSA account to allow flexibility in its spending.
- The cost of office communication will go up due to using ZOOM, but expenses for travel should go down for the same reason, creating a beneficial offset.
- Brett reduced some expenses for Annual Meeting to be more in line with actual spending trends.
- There will be a final version of the budget to discuss and approve in our January meeting. We will need to discuss what to do about deficit income.

2. Pastoral Assistance Fund

- MCUSA has given out almost all of the money they have for this fund and hope to have enough to give to applications submitted by the end of 2016.
- Only one PNMC pastor has completed an application at this date, but 3 or 4 more are expected to submit applications. PNMC could have up to \$1500 funds to match. We have said we'll provide pastors with \$300 even if their applications aren't accepted or can't be funded by MCUSA.
- The Lilly Foundation may provide more money to this fund after the current 3-year period.
- Brett didn't include matching expenses in next year's budget since so few applications came in by the December 8 deadline.

3. Anawim and the Sanctuary Property

Current Operations:

- Todd reports that Steve Kimes is stepping down from the congregational ministry and from the homeless ministry. Todd shared that a member/friend of Anawim living on the property has been distributing methamphetamines. He is in the process of being evicted but the process can take up to 60 days.
- Steve has also stepped down from the Property Management Committee. He has handed his role to 2 women from another congregation who has interest in the homeless ministry.
- Simon and Lucy will move into the house on the property on Dec. 17.
- It appears that the Anawim congregation will cease to exist.
- The City of Gresham has filed a nuisance property complaint. Todd has been working on a response by submitting a plan to the city of Gresham to help make the property a place less inviting to criminal activity.
- Todd will pursue a social services approach to help the person being evicted from the property put his life together.

Possible Future Direction:

- Brett reported that the city met with homeless property advocates who said PNMC/Sanctuary could take part in its Innovative Housing Program. Theoretically we can put up to 72 cottages/units on the property, depending on the size of the units.
- Brett, Jack and Katherine approved having an architect work on initial plans to build on the property.
- To build, we would need to partner with another organization that would provide capital and that would take the lead to develop and implement the project. Brett is exploring the possibilities with PHC Northwest; they promote affordable housing for the homeless.
- PHC NW is studying several different configuration possibilities, including factors such as financial feasibility and conformance with building codes.
- We would like to have a concept proposal for the board to consider in our next meeting, January 6-7. If we are able to obtain sufficient information from PHC NW, Brett and Jack will prepare a concept proposal that covers more on how this possibility could align with PNMC longer-term planning and responsible use of conference assets.

Actions

- Brett will finalize the budget for the January meeting.
- Brett will prepare a concept proposal for longer-term use of the Peace property.
- Next Meeting will be held in Portland on Friday, Jan. 6, beginning at 1 p.m. It will end at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Katherine closed the meeting with prayer, including prayer for Cathy Brenneman in Kalispell, who has kidney cancer.