

PNMC Board Meeting, Feb. 9, 2018, Zion Mennonite Church and via ZOOM

Present: Jack Swaim, Katherine Jameson Pitts, Kathleen Aeschliman, Twila Lehman, Jan Yoder, Barb Buxman, Janet Szabo (via ZOOM), Jenna Schlegel-Preheim (via ZOOM), Jeryl Hollinger, Nelly Moran-Ascencio, Brett Tieszen, Tom Brenneman

Welcome and Prayer — Jack opened meeting with a time of sharing.

Devotional — Katherine chose Matthew 7:7-12 for our Dwelling in the Word, followed by a Call to Intercession time of prayer.

Focus Topic: Endowment Fund — Brett and Jack presented a document for discussion for the board that described what an endowment fund is, the basic types of endowments, how the funds would be managed, how investment earnings could be used, and types of gifts accepted or not accepted.

Some possible direction:

1. Establish a small team to develop specific proposal for board action presented in April.
2. Present the general idea with delegates at CCC to inform, and ask for feedback on the idea.

Resolutions:

1. It was moved and seconded that we will move the funds that are now in a Money Market Account into an Everence investment account, and we appoint our current moderator (Jack) and treasurer (Brett) to do this. This motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved and seconded that a small team will be formed to develop a specific proposal(s) for the April 2018 PNMC Board Meeting for use of the Peace property sale funds. The team will be composed of Katherine, Jenna, Brett, and Jack. This motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Journey Forward Update

This is the next step after the 2017 Future Church Summit. CCC participants tomorrow will review and discuss a single-page document (*Renewed Commitments*) that states who we are and where we want to go. There is a writing council of 5 persons for MC USA; Jack is one of the members. There is a reference council consisting of several Conference Ministers and others who advise the writing team; Katherine is one of the members. There is a plan that covers actions until the meeting in Kansas City. One focus is on what congregations think is important, and sharing their stories with other congregations at KC 2019. The writing team is working on a study guide for this one-page document (to be finished by June 1). Congregations will probably look at this document using the study guide in summer and fall 2018, and it will involve 4 or 12 sessions to work on feedback to be finished by the end of December 2018. The writing group will take feedback from congregations, consolidate it, and give it to the Executive Board of MC USA who will be accountable for the process and for designing what to do at Kansas City.

ECM Report

Katherine presented her report, which included her support for 7 pastoral searches now and later in the year, 4 congregations working through questions of sustainability and 2 which are either closing or leaving the conference, strengthening pastoral ministry, and equipping lay leaders.

Plans for Annual Gathering on June 21-23

-Speaker: Glen Guyton

-Special Event: RawTools Peacemakers Event

-Location: First Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID

Passion-based ministries—NW Mexico Team — due to conflict between leaders in Mexico that hasn't been resolved, funding from the budget has been removed for next year. Leaders want to develop sister church relationships.

Equipping Lay Leaders — There will be a Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity in Boise before the Annual Meeting.

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Feedback from discussions with other ECMs — MC USA Conference Ministers are going to be having a conversation on credentialing due to great differences in policy beliefs between ECMs. At this time not every conference respects other conferences' credentialing.

Katherine attended the Faith Trust Healthy Boundaries training last spring and has received an invitation to do 3 trainings over 5 days in MSMC this spring. The Board gave Katherine their blessing to do this.

Treasurer's Report

Brett shared his report and also reports that we are very close to a balanced budget. With the sale of the Peace property and future investment of the money from that sale, he feels that we can have a balanced budget for the foreseeable future.

Sister Care grant request — The Sister Care hosting committee submitted a request for funding for the second level of Sister Care training for \$7400. It is an overnight event and the grant funding would help it be affordable for participants. It is a joint English/Spanish training for about 35 women to be held at DCC (if possible). Some of the money would be used for translation experiences. The total cost for the training is \$11,650. There is funding from the sale of Eugene MC that could be used for this funding even though it doesn't fully meet the Seed Northwest funding. The Board feels that the request meets the fund requirements. The final amount of the request will be less than originally requested because the original cost was based on a different location and more participation. There will be an email to share the actual cost when it is figured. The Board supports the event and Nelly will send final numbers.

CIHAN Report

Nelly presented her report. She is currently moderator of CIHAN and also a member of the PNMC Board. CIHAN pastors are meeting Monday, Feb. 12, to discuss Nelly's position as moderator and PNMC Board representative as well as finding a person to replace Wendell Amstutz, who is moving to Bolivia soon.

Other Agenda

-Should we make a conference statement about the president's vulgar and disparaging comments about Africa, Haiti, and El Salvador? — The Board decided we would not make a statement.

-Deciding who the CLC rep will be after June — Our representatives will be Katherine and Jeryl. We can have 3 representatives and the Board recommends that Jack be the third person through April 2019. Also, Jeryl would like Jack to attend our Board meetings. The board accepted this, and Jack in turn accepted the recommendation.

Future Board Meetings

April 20-21, 2018 — Board Meeting in Boise on the weekend of the Idaho sale. The meeting will be mostly on Friday, and Saturday we can attend the sale. If we drive over, it takes over 6 hours from Portland and should probably go over on Thursday. The meeting will begin on Friday at 9 a.m.

Closing: Jack read Psalm 46: 10 in several different ways and then closed with prayer.