

PNMC Board Minutes
Friday, May 24 & Saturday, May 25, 2019
Dianna Eshleman's home
14221 NE Rose Pkwy, Portland, OR

Present: Dave Hockman-Wert, Jeryl Hollinger, Gary Martin, Jack Swaim, Dianna Eshleman, Jan Yoder, Katherine Jameson Pitts, Barb Buxman, Kathleen Aeschliman, Twila Lehman, [Jenna Schlegal-Preheim and Nellie Moran-Ascencio, (by conference call)]

Absent: Janet Szabo

Jeryl opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

We began by sharing something interesting we've been involved in, in the last month and then Jack led a lectio divino on "The Prayer of Oscar Romero."

The minutes of the April 4, 2019, PNMC board meeting were approved via email.

Reports:

1. Executive Conference Minister (Katherine Jameson Pitts)

Katherine gave updates of pastoral transitions. A person candidated at Zion last weekend for Faith Formation Pastor position. Congregation will vote this weekend. Mathew Swora will go to part-time this summer. Albany Mennonite is looking for a ¼ time Youth Coordinator.

Western Mennonite is designating the month of May for prayer and fasting regarding their future as a congregation and will begin sharing and discerning in June. Warden began the process of closing.

Renewed contact with Rachael Weasley in Bellingham regarding a church plant there. Connecting her with SENT process through MMN. Church of the Wandering is continuing to be in an informal relationship with PNMC.

Approved Brianne Kruger for ordination and Britt Carlson for affirmation of ordination.

Representatives from MC USA, MMN, CPT, MCC, Mennonite Women, and Everence will be at the Annual Meeting. Iris de Leon Hartshorn will be speaking at morning worship and several younger/newer folks at afternoon worship (Ken Hawes, Britt Carlson, Jerrell Williams, Jessica Wright). MMN workshop on Mission Discipleship Initiative will be presented in Spanish with interpretation into English.

Healthy Grant Applications and Awards

Katherine shared the grants requested and awarded to date. The Healthy Grants committee met and decided to alter the guidelines and brought them to the Board for discussion. Here is the suggested change to the following paragraph:

Here's how it works. Any member congregation or constituency group of PNMC may apply to receive grant money. Grant requests may be for amounts up to \$3000/year. **Multiple requests from the same congregation or constituency group will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Projects that are ongoing (longer than a year) will only be funded up to \$3,000 total.** Grants under \$500 may be awarded by the Executive Conference Minister and will be reviewed on a continual basis. Grants over \$500 will be awarded by a committee and requests will be reviewed quarterly.

Jan moved and Gary seconded the motion. **MOTION:** To accept the revised changes to the Healthy Congregations Grant Guidelines. **MOTION PASSED.**

PNMC—Credential Review Process.

Diana made a motion and Gary seconded. **MOTION: Add a line at the bottom of the PNMC- Credential Review Process” document that states: “reviewed and affirmed by the PNMC Board.”** **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Treasurer (David Hockman-Wert)

Dave updated us on the *Balance Sheet* and *Budget vs Actuals* as of May 24, 2019. Discussed if we need board action when moving funds between accounts. Decided that Dave will collaborate with Barb and Brett (former PNMC Treasurer) and no board action is required.

Online access for the Stock & Bond Fund account. Presently Harold Nussbaum and Barbara Buxman are cleared for online access. Dave Hockman-Wert will be added to this account. The board agrees that two signers are adequate.

3. CIHAN (Nelly Ascencio)

Nelly shared (via conference call) CIHAN’s Report. The CIHAN Council has new leadership on their committees and they are excited to see how the Holy Spirit will work among them.

CIHAN will have a **Delegates Training** in June led by Pastor Samuel Moran.

EBAFOM has 22 students studying The Old Testament level 2.

Hispanic Mennonite Youth Committee PNMC-CIHAN will be having their Youth camp August 16-18 at Twin Rocks.

4. Moderator (Jeryl Hollinger)

Jenna Schelgel Preheim is resigning from the Board (as of the June 2019 meeting). She is sad but feels this is the best thing for her family. She completed 2 years of her 4-year term. The Board will need to need to appoint someone to fill this slot.

Jeryl updated us on the work of the Gift Discernment Committee slate for the June meeting. Some names were suggested to add to the gifts discernment committee for their consideration.

Gary moved and Jan seconded a motion. **MOTION:** To approve the slate as presented. **MOTION PASSED**

2019 Annual Meeting

Jeryl reminded the Board that it's time for donations for the Pastor/Spouse dinner at the annual meeting. The Board members usually contribute to this. There is not a planned program for after the dinner.

Jeryl will host the “New Delegates Breakfast” on Saturday morning. Dianna will also attend in preparation for leading it next year.

The Board brainstormed “what” items should be shared and “where” in the schedule:

Morning session (1½ hours):	Announcements
	Welcoming Guests
	Dwelling in the Word

Roll call (maybe move this to morning worship)

ECM Report

Treasurer's Report

Ballot Introduction

Afternoon session (1½ hours):

Moderator Report

Election Results

It's not over yet

Invitation to "Seattle" for 2020

Possible Delegate Discussion Items: "Congregational commitment to Conference" Finances (give delegates some ideas to discuss and be prepared to share results of last year's discussion on how PNMC spends money) and other ways of commitment (time, pastoral support of retreats, attendance at conference events) or of congregations working together. Jack asked the Board what we need to know from the congregations. It was suggested that we keep the delegates updated on previous discussions and results. Jeryl will work on delegate sessions.

MC USA delegates: Katherine, Jeryl, and Dianna are our delegates. Jack is going as "Journey Forward" rep. PNMC gets two youth to recommend to "Step Up" as delegates, but no names were suggested.

Policy Discussion

Fund Management policy update (David Hockman Wert)

No change. It was suggested that Dave share the policy with Everence for their review/comments.

Policy overview recommendations (Dianna Eshleman, Nelly Ascencio, Katherine Pitts)

The Board went over suggested edits to the policies. Finance Team policy. Decided we need to have more oversight to handling the finances. Do we need an official audit, a simplified audit, or seasoned professional to review accounting, budgeting and financial processes and procedures? Dianna suggested Dave Coffman (503) 415-1034 dave@peoplesaccountant.com. **MOTION:** Jan moved and Kathleen seconded to seek Dave Coffman to review financial processes and procedures. **MOTION PASSED.**

8:30 am – Saturday morning

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Jeryl opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. We discussed the article "Towards an Interculturality."

Policies Discussion, Con't

Continued working on the policy edits. Came back to the Finance Team policy. The Board spent considerable time discussing the purpose and tasks of a Finance Team. We affirm a Finance Team policy but recommend that the policy sub-committee continue to work on refining it and bring it back to the Board. Need to continue working on these policies:

Fund management policy

Investment Policy

Document Retention

5. Conference Historian

The Board discussed the role of the Conference Historian. Since the Mennonite Historical Society is doing most of this work, we decided to eliminate the Conference Historian position. We will ask for annual reports from the Mennonite Historical Society.

6. Executive Conference Minister Job Description

Jeryl sent out some examples of ECM job descriptions. Didn't have time to discuss but encouraged Board members to review so that we can discuss at a future Board meeting.

7. PNMC Board Member Job Description

What is the job description of a PNMC Board member? Jeryl handed out a questionnaire for each of us to fill out our thoughts on being a Board member. Discussed description, qualities, time commitment, and others. Board members will give Jeryl their responses. There is a job description for the Board (section 2.2 of the PNMC Policy book).

Special thanks and recognition were given to Jack and Jenna for their work on the PNMC Board. (This was their last meeting.)

Next Meeting: Saturday lunch at the PNMC annual meeting.

Submitted by Twila Lehman, Secretary