

Minutes of the PNMC Board Meeting Conference Call
Thursday, December 12, 2019
6 p.m. Alaska; 7 p.m. Pacific; 8 p.m. Mountain Times

Moderator Jeryl Hollinger welcomed everyone and opened the phone meeting with prayer on Thursday at 7:02 p.m. (PST)

Present: Jeryl Hollinger, Leonard Nolt, Dave Hockman-Wert, Nelly Ascencio, Jan Yoder, Dianna Eshleman, Katherine Jameson-Pitts, Barb Buxman, Janet Szabo, Gary Martin, and Twila Lehman

1. Executive Conference Minister Report - Katherine Jameson-Pitts

Since the last board meeting, Katherine has been Alaska, Eastern Washington, Arizona, Idaho, California, and Canada.

Katherine presided at the licensing of Jerrell Williams/Salem; the installation of Terry Rediger/Western, and Bryce Miller/Menno; and the ordination of Kevin Chupp/Aberdeen.

She led a Visioning/Planning Workshop at Prince of Peace in Anchorage, AK and preached at Lebanon and Evergreen Heights.

She is working with search committees/leadership teams of Lebanon for an interim pastor to begin in fall 2020 and an interim for Zion beginning March 2020.

Healthy Grant Request was approved for \$850 for interim ministry training for Terry Rediger. A request was denied from Albany for a Sister Care retreat because Albany had already been awarded \$3,000 plus a share of \$500 in 2019 and PNMC supported Sister Care with several thousand dollars in 2018 and 2019.

Current concerns include pastoral transitions, immigration status for Emily Toews of Menno Mennonite (Katherine referred her to an immigration attorney), sustainability of several congregations and reduced giving to PNMC.

2. Minutes of September PNMC Board Meeting

Leonard Nolt moved, and Nelly seconded that we approve the Board minutes of the September 13-14, 2019, Board meeting. **APPROVED.**

3. Finance Report – Dave Hockman-Wert

Balance Sheet – Notes: Line 110206 Everence MM -- This Indexed Money Market account was opened in the past few months in an effort to both support Everence and to receive an improved interest rate for our savings account. It has a balance of \$25,039.95. Line 320808 Healthy Congregations Grant Fund has a balance of \$37,362.61. It shows a zero balance in 2018 because the fund was not set up in QuickBooks until 2019. Total Assets = \$1,171,869.84 as of Dec. 11, 2019.

4. MCC West Coast Board Member – Jeryl Hollinger

Beth Landis (from West Coast MCC) asked if they could move forward with appointing Eva Flores Estrada as PNMC Representative to the West Coast MCC Board to begin a new term running from April 2020 to March 2023. PNMC Board gives their blessing to pursue Eva.

5. Policy Discussion

The following policies/procedures were brought back for approval and adoption into Section 2.

- 5.2.4 Policy and Procedure Review
- 5.4.1 Executive Limitations Monitoring Procedure
- 5.3.3 Ministerial Misconduct File Protocol & Access Policy
- 5.1.7 Safe Sanctuary Abuse Prevention Policy

Janet moved and Jan seconded that we adopt the above policies with the minor changes made at the September meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

Barb will bring printed copies to our February Board meeting for Board members to update their notebooks.

Future policy development or revision (brainstorming on things we should tackle):

Board self-monitoring process & tool:

The policies do state that the board is supposed to discuss its process and performance.

Need to look at the tool and make sure it lines up with our policy. **(Diana will work on this).**

Inter-Congregational Relationship Guidelines document:

Approved by the delegates in 1999. **(Jeryl and Katherine to review).**

New policies to be developed:

Ethics/Confidentiality **(Leonard will work on this)**

Digital Communications and Security **(Katherine).**

Board/ECM/staff records retention **(Katherine will continue working on this).**

Review current ECM and board members job descriptions.

6. February Board Meeting – February 1 & 2, 2020 in Portland.

February board meeting will meet at a local restaurant after the CCC meeting on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 6-8 p.m. and continue Sunday, February 2, after the early service at Portland Mennonite. Dianna will host at her house. We will begin by 10 a.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m.

Call was concluded at 8:10 p.m. (PST).

Submitted by Twila Lehman, Secretary