

# **PNMC Board ZOOM meeting Agenda**

## **Saturday, January 22, 2022 - 8:30am - 12:00pm Pacific Time**

**Members Present:** Dianna Eshleman, Kevin Chupp, Katherine O'Brien, Dave Hockman-Wert, Deren Kellogg, Kiara Yoder, Leonard Nolt, Megan Ramer, Jan Yoder

**Staff Present:** Katherine Jameson Pitts, Barb Buxman

**Members Absent:** Nelly Moran Ascencio

**Sharing time** - Praise / challenges in our personal lives

**Scripture & opening prayer** (Deren) Scripture-Amos 5. Comments on "peace". Is peace "just maintaining the status quo?"

### **Board Education (Dianna)**

- 1) Report on MC USA webinar: "How to have difficult conversations with compassionate accountability".

### **Reports & Action items:**

#### **Moderator Report (Dianna)**

- 1) Noted that Minutes last meeting were accepted electronically & were posted to PNMC website
- 2) Noted copies of policies 5.3.3 & 5.3.6 given to Pacific NW Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS)
- 3) Brief report of recent Mennonite Church USA Moderator's meeting. Board members invited to share how their congregations are dealing with COVID issues currently.

#### **Gift Discernment Team (GDT) Report (Dianna)**

- 1) Noted as per policy 5.2.3, Katherine has contacted member churches for nominations. GDT meeting scheduled for February 9th to develop slate for inclusion in Annual Meeting handbook. GDT welcomes nominations from Board members also for consideration.

**Executive Conference Minister (ECM) Report (Katherine)** - written report available and was sent via email to board members.

Katherine mentioned a replacement for Nelly (due to maximum board term) to come from CIHAN. She commented on some pastoral transitions and recent planning for the MC USA special delegate meeting in May. Programming for annual meeting to be held at Zion Mennonite is continuing.

**CIHAN Report (Nelly)** – was absent but provided report via email.

#### **Policy Committee Report (Leonard)**

- 1) Policy sections 5.3 & 5.4 were reviewed by the committee. No changes recommended with requested new revision date action at May meeting excepting as listed below for policy 5.4.1. It was also agreed to delay any change to 5.3.2 as outlined below.

5.3.2 - recommend defer revision review until after May Special Delegate Assembly because if Membership Guidelines are retired (as planned with delegate vote), that will cause a major revision in our policy. This policy was written by the PLT and approved by the board so needs to be reworked by the PLT if a change is made to the Membership Guidelines.

#### **5.4.1 - Suggest correction to REFERENCE: section 1, 3.5.3 and Category IV policies**

Suggest insertion of following statement prior to "1) Reporting to the Board..... ": **The Category IV policies in Section 1 enable the Board to withdraw safely from most details of PNMC operation.**

Suggest insert after 2) .....4.6 Financial condition and Activities - An external report on review of practices will be provided for board discussion **every 3 years** (instead of annually). Board approval will be requested at May meeting.

2) Leonard is working on a draft of the new Digital Security policy to be presented for discussion at May meeting (not for action)

**Finance Team (FT) & Treasurer Report** (Deren, Dave) - Reports sent via email. Budget discussion was led by Dave. Fiscal year 2023 budget draft presented. New this year, the budget was created in narrative form. It was divided into the four parts of the PNMC mission statement. A chart was made to show how percentages of the budget were spent on different aspects of these parts. Discussion on the new budget was held. Megan volunteered to format the budget document to make it more reader friendly. The intent is to have it available at the annual meeting.

**ACTION:** Megan moved to accept the fiscal year 2023 budget draft to begin February 1, 2022. This was seconded by Kiara. Motion carried. Megan then amended this motion by moving the budget to be effective February 1, 2022. This was seconded by Kiara. Motion carried.

Deren said he is still looking into using a credit union rather than a bank, with the decision influenced by geographic location of person making the deposits. The finance team will bring the issue of allocation of investments to the conference as a whole under "what is your vision for the funds, keep as security or spend on goals".

#### **Discussion Items:**

- 1) Katherine -Upcoming MC USA delegate meeting was discussed along with potential financial assistance for delegates. Funds may be also available from MC USA to attend. The PNMC Board is committed to ensuring all of our congregations are financially able to send a delegate to the MCUSA special session in May. We commit \$400 to each congregational delegate who has need, encourage a secondary application for a scholarship from MCUSA, and then invite you to let us know if you need further funding to make participation viable. PNMC is allowed three delegates. Katherine and Dianna will be delegates and a delegate from CIHAN will be encouraged. Katherine will follow up on this.
- 2) Dianna- The board ASSESS MISSION google form survey results were discussed. The PNMC stakeholder survey results (due January 30, 2022) will be collated and used along with feedback from Conference Communication Council (CCC) February 5 meeting discussion groups. Executive committee will process names for the search team (mid-February goal). Goal for Search Team appointments by March 1.

#### **Reminders**

- 1) Online zoom CCC meeting February 5, 2022, 9AM-12PM
- 2) Upcoming board meeting at Drift Creek Camp May 13-15, 2022.
- 3) Upcoming webinars that may be helpful for delegates attending the upcoming resolutions meeting.

**12:00 Prayer/ Adjourn (Katherine)**