



NCNC

## Council Minutes

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Island Community, Foster City, CA

In Attendance: Eunice Aaron, Matt Broadbent, George Conklin, Patsy Finster, Mikayla Hambrick, Jeannie Hobson, Diane Johnson, Steve Mevert, Fed Ranches, Vic Robinson, Jim Ross, Kelly Wilson, Tom Clarke, Diane Weible, Davena Jones

10:00am –

- Welcome and worship meditation by Rev. Carol Barriger, Pastor of Island Community Church

### NCNC Council

- **Check in and Prayer.** 10:30 am – meeting opened by Matt Broadbent with a review of Agenda items. Council members shared events in their lives followed by prayer.

### NCNC Budget

- **New Budget from FABC** (Finance, Administration & Business Committee) – 2017 proposed budget presented by Treasurer Tom Clarke. Discussion regarding proposed budget included looking at current budget issues. Current history is that income has been dropping (OCWM – Our Churches Wider Mission) with about 50 churches in the NCNC that do not give to OCWM. Expenses are also under budget. Projection for current budget is that we should be ok. Taking current history into account the 2017 budget includes roll-over of funds from prior years.

**Motion to accept FABC proposed budget and present at the business meeting of the Annual Gathering for approval. Moved George Conklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fed Ranches. Motion passed unanimously**

**Note:** Tom Clarke, Treasurer and Daniel Ross-Jones ACM putting together the presentation regarding the budget for the Annual Gathering Business Meeting which will include a narrative budget.

Budget discussion at Annual Meeting will be led by: Tom Clarke, Treasurer, Matt Broadbent, Outgoing Council President, Davena Jones ACM, Daniel Ross-Jones ACM, Diane Weible, Conference Minister

- **Plan for Stewardship/Local Church OCWM Strategy (see attached)**  
Discussion regarding stewardship campaign for OCWM using the reports prepared by Daniel Ross-Jones ACM.
- **Next Steps/Who is Responsible**  
Council member signed up to contact certain churches within the conference and visit these churches to start the process of why it's important to give to OCWM including what is OCWM. During all the transition before the arrival of our settled Conference Minister there seems to have been some loss of trust in the leadership of NCNC – it is the goal of Council to rebuild this trust.

### LUNCH



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**SACRAMENTO MARSHALLESE CHURCH**

- The Sacramento Marshallese Ministry has requested time with NCNC Council. Prior to their arrival Council discussed the current situation.
  - \*The lease agreement approved at the March Council meeting was sent to the Sacramento Marshallese Ministry and yet to be signed (the lease was sent twice)
  - \*They are living to the lease agreement regarding rent and payments have been on time
  - \*NCNC has requested a copy of liability insurance which has not been received – thus making NCNC responsible
  - \*To date NCNC has spent \$11,923.00 over what has been received
  - \*NCNC does not wish to be a landlord and if the Sacramento Marshallese Ministry cannot find funding to purchase the property NCNC will need to sell the property.
  - \*NCNC has committed to help find an alternate site for the Marshallese Ministry
  - \* Council will not make any decisions until after hearing from the Marshallese Ministry
- Sacramento Marshallese Ministry Presentation:
  - \*Congregation growing and they want to stay at the current site.
  - \*Requested an extension of the time-line to secure funds to buy the property. Have spoken to Wells Fargo in March however Wells Fargo needs to talk with NCNC before any further discussion can happen with them. Wells Fargo has never contacted NCNC.
  - \*May be able to get homeland support (although they send funds to the homeland for support of the church there)
  - \*Matt Broadbent explained the issues of on-going financial issues for NCNC regarding the property and the liability for NCNC. The Marshallese Ministry does not have any liability insurance in place making NCNC wholly responsible.
  - \*Diane Weible asked if they had been in contact with the National Church for a possible loan. They responded no. Diane Weible then responded that she had spoken to Patrick Duggan at the National Office and he would be willing to have conversation with them. Diane has names and numbers to the Marshallese Ministry.
  - \*Council thanked the Sacramento Marshallese Ministry for coming and President of the Council stressed that NCNC wants to support the Ministry in their continuing ministry.



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### COUNCIL DISCUSSION

After much discussion and soul searching Council the following motion was made

**MOTION – Conference Minister Diane Weible, on behalf of the NCNC Council, will communicate all financial figures and the response from Patrick Duggan (National Church) with the NCNC Council decision that NCNC cannot continue liability of the Sacramento property. Motion Passed Unanimously**

### REPORTS

- Nominating Report: Eunice Aaron reported and passed out current nominations. Still some openings on Council and committees. Have until May 23, 2016 to get names of prospective candidates
- Annual Gathering Planning Team (AGPT)
  1. Who will speak for the trees – Emma Fugi. Concern regarding paper use at AG. How can we decrease this use? On-going discussion. Suggest recycle bins at AG.
  2. Covenant as Immigrant Welcoming Congregation. Late Business item. Is it too late? If all pertinent information is in by May 23, 2016 then will be put on business at AG.
  3. Minister Emerita, Mary Susan Gast – in process
  4. AG offerings – AGPT is presenting the following suggestions for recipients of AG offerings – to be split equally among each.
    - One Great Hour of Sharing
    - NCNC Camper Scholarships
    - Conference Ministers Emergency Fund
    - Oakland Peace Center – Sandhya Jha (DOC) is employed full time here and we are using one of her books as a book in common
    - ACTIONN – recommended by Reno UCC –they serve Northern Nevada promoting: Immigration Reform, Racial Justice and Law Enforcement, Jobs Education. Voter Registration and Get Out to Vote. First Reno UCC houses their office space

**MOTION to approve Once Great Hour of Sharing, NCNC Camper Scholarships, Ministers Emergency Fund, Oakland Peace Center, & ACTIONN as recipients of the AG offerings  
Moved Kelly Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patsy Finster – passed unanimously**

- Associate Conference Ministers: See written reports
- Conference Minister
  1. General Synod Delegates to be approved at Annual Gathering
  2. FYI/Livermore Property – United Christian Church Livermore will be celebrating its last service on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. This is a congregation of DOC and UCC and both have ownership of the property. In conversation with Toni Bynum, General Regional Minister of the Northern California Nevada Disciples of Christ as to what to do with the property



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3. Personnel Policy/Personal Time off/Sick leave. When the new personnel policy regarding this took into effect it meant that one employee would lose a significant amount of sick leave. Old policy said that sick leave was cumulative – no cash value. Council recommends that Conference Minister confer with an attorney and report at next meeting.
  4. AV Media Center Proposal: Zoom now Meeting Together. Cost to purchase TV/Projector/computer for conference office would be about \$2500.00. Perhaps there are churches that could share this cost. Ongoing discussion regarding this idea.
  5. Travel Expenses: IRS rate killing the budget for travel. Diane Weible recommends that it would save money if the Conference leased cars for Conference Minister and ACM'S (Daniel does not have room for a 2<sup>nd</sup> car therefore the recommendation is to lease 2 cars) Recommendations will be forwarded to Diane Weible to research this idea.
  6. Scanning of church files: goal is to get all old files digitized. Tammy working on this has one volunteer to come in and do the digitizing once Tammy has reviewed the material.
  7. Diane Weible reports she has received and accepted the resignation of Charlotte Asher, Outdoor Ministry Director, effective August 31, 2016 (she will be on staff through this camping season)
- Outdoor Ministry Report
1. Outdoor ministry committee voiced concern regarding Camp Tamarack. Having difficulty staffing – indicates that when the conference decided to keep Camp Tam open after UCCR dropped it that the Sequoia and Mountain Valley Associations promised to staff the camps and this is not happening. Jeannie Hobson took some exception to this as Sequoia is working hard to find staff and maintain Camp Tam. Council association representatives will take the concern back to the association.
- Prior to adjournment – Presentation to Rev. Matt Broadbent as this will be his official last meeting as President of NCNC Council. Council members expressed appreciation for his leadership. Wished him a happy and blessed retirement. Well done Matt!

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeannie Hobson