



NCNC Council

July 11, 2015

Minutes

In attendance: Jeannie Hobson, Patsy Finster, James Ross, Steve Mevert, George Conklin, Fed Ranches, Kelly Wilson, Richard Brabham, Matt Broadbent, Diane Weible, Eunice Aaron, Tom Clarke, Davena Jones, Mike Hill, James Kosko, Vic Robinson, Elizabeth Armstrong, Mikayla Hambrick, Guest: Jim Peck

10:00 am Call to order with overview of Agenda items

10:05 am Open with worship - Eunice Aaron: There is no "season of Jubilee" – with the hate crimes mounting our brothers and sisters cannot celebrate "jubilee". This is "America's Original Sin".

10:15 Check In and opening Prayer

Review Orientation:

- Welcome back to all the returning members and all the new members
- Being part of NCNC Council is a commitment:
 - Time, Attendance, Financial support – the goal is that Council members will financially support the work of the conference by contributing \$100.00 (can be raised via individual's church, donations, outright donation from Council member)
 - Attendance to meetings – there is no written policy. Council meets 9 times a year (Sept, Oct, Nov; Jan, Feb, March; May, June, July). Quorum for Council is 11 voting members present. Face to face meetings are more productive however PEWS is being looked into (an on-line virtual meeting) but is not yet operational. Matt requests that if a member cannot be present at a meeting they let him know. The verbal policy of attendance is:
 1. After one unexcused missed meeting – contact will be made
 2. After two unexcused missed meetings – further contact will be made as to further commitment on Council
 3. After three unexcused missed meetings – will be removed from the Council.
- Minutes: will be e-mailed soon after the Council meeting to be approved via e-mail, after approval they can be posted to web-site
- By-Laws are now on web-site (2009 By-Laws)
- Suggestions for an orientation "new member retreat"
- General order of NCNC Council meetings will be: Mornings – work on "general topics", afternoon-work on "action items. Thoughts are that during the general time in the morning orientation for new Council members can take place
- Where will meetings take place? Suggestion from Matt is that we move around the Conference for our meetings. General consensus regarding this. Next meeting will be in Fresno @ 1st Congregational on Sept. 12th. Diane to be in Fresno for that week-end and this will enable her to attend Council. October 10th will be at the Conference Office in Hayward, November 14th @ Foothills.
- Sign up list circulated for Council opening and closing meditations



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IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES (Review and Renew)

- Discussion and explanation of General Priorities (see attached) For # 3 insert “social justice and witness”
- Discussion and explanation of “Specific Priorities” set for 2014-2105 (see attached)
- Council split into clusters of 3 to discuss priorities for 2015-16 using questions 1) What do you love about the Conference? 2) Who are we at our best? 3) What do we need to learn/to do/to be?
- Re-grouped and shared (via post-it notes which Matt will collate)
- 2015-16 suggested Specific Priorities identified. At September meeting morning part of agenda will be used to discuss these timely priorities
 1. Visibility – getting out to churches (Council and Conference Minister)
 2. Stewardship – how do we tell the story?
 3. Justice and Witness “task force” Mission happens at the local doorstep – how do we network?
 4. Communication and Connection

Recessed for Lunch

12:45 pm

- Approve Minutes from June 14, 2015

MOTION: Approve Minutes of June 14, 2015 – moved Liz Armstrong, 2nd Eunice Aaron – motion passed

- **AGPT Report – Jim Peck/Jeannie Hobson.**

1. Evaluations have been read and collated - some general notes from the evals.
 - a. Tom reports that we are within \$500.00 of budget – not final as of yet
 - b. Program –
 - i. Overall good evals – David Vasquez-Levy got glowing evaluations.
 - ii. Needs Improvement: Lighten up the schedule, Sacred Conversation evaluations were mixed – over-all positive
 - iii. Worship – evaluations very mixed - need to work on this aspect of AG
 - c. Venue
 - i. Distance from housing to student center an issue
 - ii. Food – ok but would like more gluten free choices, no private dining room making it hard to have special meals
2. The AGPT recommends returning to SSU for 2016 and have penciled in the dates of June 16-19. However this is Father’s Day Week-end. Discussion regarding this week-end

MOTION: The 2016 Annual Gathering to be held on June 16-19 at Sonoma State University. Moved Richard Brabham, 2nd James Kosko – motion passed

3. Jim will lock in date with SSU
4. Evaluations will be distributed to NCNC Council



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Treasurer's Report –

- Treasurer's Report accepted as presented
- FABC Policies and Procedures: A new policy regarding Financial Policies and Procedures was presented as requested by the Council – NCNC Council received new policy as presented
- Investment Policy: The NCNC Council received the Investment Policy as presented
- Approved United Church Funds Investment Resolution:
Be it resolved that the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ hereby authorizes its Conference Minister, the Rev. Diane Weible, its Treasurer, Thomas J. Clarke and its Conference Administrator, Eleanor Joy Davis to establish one or more investment accounts with United Church Funds, in any of its Common Investment funds presently in existence or established at a future date. Any future transactions related to the Conference's investments with United Church Funds may be authorized by the then-current Conference Minister, its Treasurer or its Conference Administrator in whatever form required by United Church Funds.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY REPORT

- Outdoor ministries revised policy presented. The NCNC Council receives the revised outdoor ministry policy as presented. Diane will have legal counsel look at revised policy for any possible conflicts.

CONFERENCE MINISTER REPORT

- Council receives written report by Conference Minister, Diane Wieble
- Committee C – Diane looking into this committee to add members and have it be an active committee in the Conference
- Diane request a search committee be set up to work with her on search for ACM's - a small committee of approx. 4 people 2 clergy 2 lay
 1. Committee members so far: Rev. Liz Armstrong, Rev. Vic Robinson, Jeannie Hobson, - need one more lay person
- Draft for ACM Job Description received as written by NCNC Council
- Diane requests a Pastoral Relations Committee – this committee to be appointed by Matt and Diane with NCNC Council blessing

FOLLOW UP REPORT ON ECUMENICAL HOUSE (Ken Iha)

- Reports received from Ken along with the Ecumenical House By-Laws. NCNC Council to reflect on report and be prepared to discuss at September meeting

CLOSING – Diane

- Remember to “leave space” in your life.

Adjourned 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeannie Hobson, Recorder

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2015 @ 1st Congregational Church, Fresno 10 am – 3pm