

NCNC COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

ANGELS CAMP

Present: Liz Armstrong, Eunice Aaron, George Conklin, Rachel Kau-Taylor, Mike Hill, Kelly Wilson, Phil Konz, Roy Mosley, Jim Ross, Diane Johnson, Fed Ranches

Absent: Patsy Finster, Richard Brabham, Jeannie Hobson, Steve Mevert, Mikayla Hambrick, Vic Robinson

Conference Office: Diane Weible, Davena Jones, Daniel Ross-Jones

Guest: Beth Stern, Youth and Outdoor Ministries Committee (YOMC)

Opening Prayer offered by Liz Armstrong

Eunice Aaron introduced Mike Carr, President-CEO/ United Camps, Conferences and Retreats (UCCR). Mike and Gene Nelson (Facilities and Management Committee Representative for NCNC) discussed the updated Facility Management Agreement and UCCR By-Laws. Historical overview of UCCR: Various denominations had camps for the use of their congregations in the 1960's. UCCR was formed as a non-profit in the 1970's to provide management for these camps and allow for campers from non-profits other than the denominational owners. They are contracted to provide site management, including on-site personnel management, maintaining books and financial records, promoting facility use and other agreed upon duties/responsibilities. UCCR is specifically responsible for housekeeping, landscape, food service, health and safety. NCNC retains responsibility for any capital improvements required and any deficit incurred. Mike emphasized the focus on customer service and the need to support site directors and insure maximum utilization each year of Camp Cazadero.

Eunice asked why UCCR decided on the current request to have property owners approve these by-law changes. Mike said the new Owner's Council would have two (2) representatives from each of seven (7) owners nationally and would meet twice a year with UCCR Board of Directors. They are seeking this change partially because of a need for increased expertise in marketing management, financial and legal skill sets. UCCR initially requested that all owners approve these changes no later than June 22; to date only one owner has approved this change.

UCCR has planned an Owner's Council program on March 24-25 2017, at Monte Toyon Camp in Aptos, Santa Cruz California. Workshops by Bill McKinney, music, volunteerism etc. More information to follow.

Eunice asked Mike about our reserve account and where the money went from Camp Caz to pay off Camp Tam and how this decision was reached as UCCR stopped managing Camp Tam in January 2015. No definitive answer given. Communication between NCNC, YOMC and UCCR has been identified as an area in need of significant improvement. Rachel Kau-Taylor and Beth Stern shared concerns that YOMC feels isolated and "on their own". Diane Weible offered assurances that the conference is and has been very interested and concerned about the way in which our camps have been operating and is committed to making sure all voices are heard. She said she has been seeking answers for some time. Diane Johnson requested more transparency, accountability and responsibility going forward.

ACTION Item: Effective immediately, until a final process is implemented all communication from UCCR/FaMC will go through the NCNC President (Eunice Aaron).

Going forward conference staff and YOMC will make certain they communicate regularly. Diane Weible restated that YOMC will have full support of the Conference Council.

ACTION Item: Diane Weible, Davena and Sonny will meet with YOMC.

Gene requested an additional person on FaMC in addition to a conference staff person. Diane responded that someone would be appointed from Conference Council.

Mike and Gene suggested Kathy Bell could recommend names for facility management Caz and a different set of names for Tam.

Gene requested approval of by-laws changes be placed before the NCNC Council for vote.

RECOMMENDATION: Council will invite YOMC to join us at our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and the vote will be delayed while additional facts are gathered and discussed.

MOTION to **hold any decision on the by-laws vote until YOMC evaluation and report**. Phil moved and Mike seconded. Unanimous approval

Kelly reported that AG7 met via teleconference on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Task areas were reviewed and finalized. Face to face meetings will be 9AM to 9:50AM prior to most council meetings. Alternate dates will be forwarded for November 2016 and February and May 2017.

#### Annual Gathering Business Committee

Roy announced AGBC members are: Roy Mosley, Kelly Wilson, Dick Hom, Jeannie Hobson, Sonny Graves, Patrick Lopez, Ron Buford, Tauoa Head, Ann Jefferson. Liz moved acceptance of this committee seconded by Diane Johnson. Unanimous approval

Standing Rules for AG 2017: Timeline and notification for proposals reviewed. Section E Discernment Sessions paragraph 2 Propose; paragraph 4a and b deleted; Section G Annual Meeting paragraph 5 and 6 included changes. See attached documents. Roy reviewed reasons for changing key areas and removing limitations. The dates for proposals were set.

MOTION: Accept Standing Rules for Annual Meeting 2017. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Phil. Unanimous approval

Moderator's Project-The Business Committee's goal is to raise funds for a specific purpose related to AG, for example PAAM churches are part of evening programming but they often do not stay for entire conference. Project would provide stipends for travel and food for conference churches that provide worship and entertainment. **For specific detail regarding how the funds will be disbursed, request the Mosley/Hom emails.** Checks can be made payable to NCNC with Moderator's Project on the Memo line.

## Stewardship

Daniel offered a slide presentation **Five Points**; renewal, rebirth and connection between thriving churches and individual stewardship. Support-Unite-Nurture

## Conference Treasurer

Eunice asked members to review Tom's report. Jim moved approval of report, seconded by Fed. Unanimous approval

## Conference Minister

Justice and Witness missional team established. Diane Johnson will follow up on what resources are available. She will also follow up with Kibbie Ruth regarding how NCNC is to support the Minnesota Conference in bringing resolution to General Synod 2017. Davena will follow up on two additional items of the resolution.

Real Estate Management Committee/Legal Advice Facilities Committee-Diane discussed need for group that will focus on the specific needs of local churches that cannot be handled by staff. She noted that she has spent many hours dealing with real estate issues via email and telephone and does not feel it is in the best interest of the conference that she manage these important tasks alone. Individuals with knowledge of (California) real estate and real estate law would be extremely helpful.

Assistance in cleaning up files. Progress is noticeable with the hiring of Sonny Graves, more needs to be done. Staff will request help from volunteers in near future. Joy is trying to put financial data together, however there are issues that need to be sorted out with accounting firm NPS. Offer from Hawaii Conference to do our accounting that will strengthen the covenant between our conferences and save us money. Waiting for actual proposal from Hawaii Conference. **(Council members expressed approval of this idea and encouraged Diane to move forward if proposal appropriate.)**

Miscellaneous-Camp Caz/Camp Tam/UCCR relationship: Beth asked Diane what were the big picture ideas from NCNC. Diane explained that due to timing her thoughts regarding "parallel camps" were misunderstood. The camp financial report was not received until after the YOMC meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. She re-stated that camping programs are one of the missions of the conference and NCNC is eager to grow the program, keeping in mind that fiscal responsibility is always an important consideration. There is no plan at this time to change the fee structure- NCNC will follow up and review the financial report with YOMC.

Davena noted there must be outreach to smaller ethnic churches and marketing our camp programs to increase attendance of youngsters who are PAAM, African American, Latino/a and may not have had the camp experience. Davena, Sonny Graves and Diane will work to re-build bridges and relationships.

**ACTION:** Beth Stern requested an email of NCNC council meeting dates.

ACTION: Patrick Kane will submit document with issues that were not addressed and report on reserve fund.

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ACTION: Statement of response to UCCR/FaMC regarding YOMC and NCNC levels of concern with effective management, accountability and communication. Eunice will draft response.

MOTION: YOMC members to UCCR/FaMC are Nicole Harbert and Marlie Heberling. YOMC vacancies were filled during AG after vote took place. Moved by Mike and seconded by Rachel. Unanimous approval

Assoc. Conference Minister's P.R.C.- Davena has chosen Janice Steele, Susan Meter and Bonnie Hollinger; Daniel is currently forming his team

Liz moved and Diane Johnson seconded approval of Davena's P.R.C. team. Unanimous approval

Guerneville Church is fund raising to build a bridge; currently no vehicle access to church.

DOC is gathering information regarding the Livermore property following July 18th meeting with Diane Weible, Matt Broadbent, Eunice Aaron. Follow up meeting will be called by Toni Bynum.

Sacramento Marshallese Church; buyer's inspections revealed problems with all three roofs.

Davena will follow up regarding the 30 day notice with SVA. Mike recommended "Got Junk" for disposal of building contents. Proceeds could be used for grants or seed money. Elk Grove extended a welcome back to SMC for worship.

ACTION: Sacramento property buyers wish to reduce their offer by \$15,000.00 for roof replacement. Consensus approval; email vote by council approved this reduction.

Bank Signers: Eunice Aaron, Richard Brabham. Moved by Liz, seconded by Jim. Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 Pm

Scribe Kelly Wilson