

NCNC Council Meeting
January 10, 2015
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President, Candace Frawley, at 10:10 a.m., at the Hospice of the East Bay. Present were members: James Kosko, Jeannie Hobson, Barbara Colliander, Candace Frawley, Eunice Aaron, Kelly Wilson, Vic Robinson, Davena Jones, Tauoa Head, Matt Broadbent, Liz Armstrong, Fiona Klassen, Jeff Hopson. Conference Minister Ken Iha. The quorum necessary for 20 members is 11 (51%). A quorum was present.

The minutes of the November 8, 2014 meeting were approved by email and acclamation.

1. Grounding and Relationship Building: Prayer and reflection were led by Candace Frawley.
2. Covenantal Support: Timely Priorities: Candace Frawley led us into work groups for the priority tasks that need to be done by the Council.
 - a. *Board development and visioning* - Vic Robinson, Fiona Klassen, Daryl Clemens, Davena Hambrick, Tauoa Head, Kelly Wilson. Goal is to get the orientation packet completed! First order of business will be a recruitment tool: FAQs. Kelly Wilson will take the lead in this. They recommended activation of the nominating committee to serve the rest of the year and develop a pool of volunteers with needed skills for the work of the Council and its committees. Davena Jones volunteered to be the Council lead person for the nominating committee.
 - b. *Collating and reviewing policies and procedures (bylaws are priority)* - Mike Hill, Jeannie Hobson, Fiona Klassen, Jim Peck, Sandy Hulse, Eunice Aaron, Richard Brabham, Barbara Colliander. Primary goal is to recommend bylaws amendments for the Annual Gathering (Meeting). They will have a conference call to proceed with their work, and hope to have proposals by the February Council meeting.
 - c. *Search process for Conference Minister* - James Kosko, Liz Armstrong, Matt Broadbent. Goal is to support the search committee and have an approved candidate for the Conference Minister position by the Annual Gathering. Hopefully, there will be a candidate for us to meet at the February Council meeting! April 11th is proposed as a Conference meeting for the vote.
 - d. *Communications and Connectivity* - Daniel Ross-Jones, Jeff Hopson, Candace Frawley, Steve Mevert. Goal is video conferencing development, starting with the Council and advancing to the conference. They are anticipating an event after Annual Gathering. They are also focusing on stewardship.
3. Relationship Building/Sustenance - Lunch

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4. Communication: Conference Minister Search Committee Update: Candace Frawley reported that the group has begun interview candidates. The committee expects to complete interview process by the last week in January. We are hopeful that the search committee will have some progress to report in February. If the Council approves a candidate (February or March, possibly), then we will hold a special Conference meeting to vote this person in as Conference Minister. Installation ideally would be at the Annual Gathering.

5. Covenantal Support: Finance Report - Tom Clarke was available by conference call. The November 2014 report was reviewed. The fiscal year (calendar year) report will be presented in February.

6. Communication: Conference Staff Report - Ken Iha announced that we will operate Camp Tamarack for 2015 summer season. Charlotte has agreed to take on this administration. The Outdoor Ministries Committee presented a proposal to expand their purview to more than the outdoors. **Matt Broadbent moved, Jeff Hopson seconded, that we affirm the joining together of Outdoor Ministries and the Youth Leadership Network in their work for youth and outdoor ministries. Motion carried.** Ken has also had conversations with the DOC on issues and discussions regarding racism. Ken posed a question to us for our meeting with the candidate for Conference Minister: What is our vision of the UCC? How can we as NCNC fulfill that vision?

7. Communication: Annual Gathering Update - Jeannie Hobson reported progress to date. Program is progressing and advertising will be started soon. The new President of PSR is being asked to be the keynote speaker. Theme is "IMPACT". Ken Iha will be meeting with Sonoma State next week. Tom Clarke gave us some prices: 3Day/3Night is \$405/person for room and 2Day/2Night is \$280/person. Reduced rates for persons in discernment, children, and such. Single rooms may have a surcharge of \$20/night. 360 people are anticipated. (60 suites x 6 beds). Ken Iha will talk with Sonoma about commuters and a 1Day/zero N rate. \$101,880 is our current contract with Sonoma State.

8. Communication: General Synod Update Ken Iha presented the rewrite of the 2013 NCNC gathering resolution of Witness for the Actions of Israel Against the Palestinians as Apartheid. **Eunice Aaron moved, Jeff Hopson seconded, to approve the new resolution as sent to Council members in advance of the meeting. Motion carried.**

9. Creative Transformation: Organically Grown Topics - New business and sharing. There has been some positive response to the mailing on stewardship for the OCWM!

10. Communication: Action Items Review Candace reviewed these for the Council.

11. Closing Reflection and Prayer: This was offered by Vic Robinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is **February 14, 2014** at Hospice of the East Bay, Pleasant Hill.

Submitted by Barbara Colliander