

Minutes, NCNCUCC Conference Council meeting, 7.12.14
Hospice of the East Bay, Pleasant Hill

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Candace. Richard Brabham volunteered to take minutes.

Present:

Members: Daniel Ross-Jones, Steve Mevert [phone], James Kosko, Daryl Clemens, Matt Broadbent, Tauoa Head, Davena Hambrick, Eunice Aaron, Jeff Hopson, Mike Hill, Kelly Wilson, Candace Frawley, Liz Armstrong, Richard Brabham, Vic Robinson

Associate Members: Treasurer – Tom Clarke[phone], CM – Ken Iha, GUEST: Jim Peck

A quorum was established.

James Kosko led us in an inspiring opening reflection “Imaginarium” by Richard Rohr

The three motions recommended from last meeting passed on email votes.

1] The motion to adopt the new Conference Minister’s job description passed with 14 out of 19 Members voting

2] The motion to begin making a \$100 donation for each meeting held at the Hospice of the East Bay, in appreciation for their generous offer of facility use passed with 12 out of 19 Members voting.

3] The final motion was to appoint our 2015-2017 General Synod Delegates passed with 10 out of 15 Members voting.

Based on the brain storming session in June, the 2014-2015 timely priorities recommended include two new focuses on communications and connectivity and continuing our work in the following areas: *(see summary attached to these minutes)*

Board development and visioning:

- Development of a leadership development committee
- Development an orientation packet for new members
- Working with a nominating committee on developing a pool of volunteers with needed skills for the work of the Conference Council and its committees

Collating and Reviewing Policies:

- Re-visioning the current bylaws
- Annual Gathering date

Search Process:

- Continuing to provide all needed support for our search committee

NEW ADDED FOCUS:

Communications & Connectivity:

- Development of a communications committee

Each member of the council is asked to commit to an area for their focus work and to involve those outside the council to assist in completing these tasks. We took time to reflect and discuss and then those present made their selections. Those not present are asked to let Candace know their choices. Results to be forwarded when collated.

Annual Gathering: Jim Peck joined us for his excellent and thorough report on the ongoing search. Our phone participants also joined at this time.

Matt B. moved [second Richard B.] to move the Annual Gathering from the Sofitel April 30-May 3, 2015, to Sonoma State University Conference facility for June 4-7, 2015 [*see below or June 11-14*].

All aspects of the Gathering were discussed in detail, the main focus of concern was the selection of dates and conflict with youth group graduations, etc. This was of significant enough concern that the motion was amended to include "or June 11-14". Y-12/N-3, motion passed and Jim was asked to move forward with the processes necessary.

Tremendous gratitude to Jim and the entire AGPT for their dedication and hard work!

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 13, 2014 and will be A BROWN BAG LUNCH, so each person is to bring their own.

In the interest of ecology and reducing costs to the group, it was recommended that in the future each member bring a "meal kit" – plate, utensils, cup, bowl, napkin, etc. Save labor and the environment!

General Synod delegates update: Stephanie Doss has resigned and unable to be a delegate for the General Synod. It is CM Ken Iha's recommendation that we appoint a minister from the Sequoia Association. Three names have been proposed, David Klingensmith, Chris Breedlove, and Robin Carlson. He is to discuss interest and availability with them and report back the results.

Policy and Procedure regarding background checks for all Conference volunteers

The proposed policy was adopted with the following change of phrase, and the details of implementation to be worked out. Motion Matt Broadbent, 2nd Jeff Hopson, passed.

As a means of ensuring the moral accountability and fiduciary responsibility of volunteers in the Northern California Nevada Conference (NCNC), it is NCNC's policy to perform a background check of all adults who are authorized to sign documents and bank statements, serve on the Conference Council, and Committees on Ministry. This screening will be a condition of appointment to such positions of authority and will be required as part of the selection of volunteers who serve the Conference.

Discussion points: What is "unfavorable", suggest conflict of interest instead.

Conference Staff report:

Look for debut of our new website. Kathie Fosgett, FCC Redwood City, AGPT has been hired as our Communications Coordinator. Bett Hannon company is handling the website operations.

Ken's emails have been migrated, same address, after several snafus.

This is a major step forward in our connectivity and communication.

Clarification of how Associations get informed of Committee A decisions.

MOMSA transfer notification of standing. Once Sec A grants transfer of standing, they are active and do not have to wait for installation, which is intended to be a community builder and integrating step into congregations, etc.

For retired or leave of absence, Association needs no action.

Ordination – standing is granted at completion of ordination.

Witness and Justice ministries is holding an Economic Justice Leadership event in October and is seeking nominations for a person to represent our conference.

August 2 NCNCCC Disciples of Christ regional event with Latonya Binam.

We ask for continued vigilance and prayers for the Israeli/Gaza/Palestine conflict and the immigrant children from South America

We can't do three resolutions to General Synod so will need to contact other councils, and the drafters of ours, who have similar, if not identical resolutions and wordsmith them.

Conference Minister search:

- Profile being finalized

- Application form being drafted

- Hope to post position in early August

- Hope to announce by early April or before.

**Special Note – this may require a special Conference meeting – investigating virtual technology.

They are working on three questions for the application.

- Such as What is your vision for UCC and how will you lead us to be part of that vision?

Next meeting: Opening reflection, Mike Hill, Closing reflection, Daryl Clemens

We were reminded of our financial commitment to the Conference Council: Each member is asked to provide \$100 – either by raising it in some creative way, asking their church to contribute, or personal donation. Checks should be made to: NCNCUCC with “Conference Council donation” in memo line and sent to the conference office, 21425 Birch St., Hayward CA 94541-2131.

Closing reflection by Richard Brabham: Watermelon Credo by Wally Amos – see attached file. + Wacky Cake recipe attached

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM

Respectfully submitted, Richard Brabham