

**NCNC Council Meeting
July 20, 2013
Minutes**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the President Candace Frawley, at 10:07 a.m. at the College Community Congregational Church in Fresno. All were welcomed.

2. Present: Members Candace Frawley, Matt Broadbent, Jeannie Hobson, Valerie McEntee, Barbara Colliander, Steve Mevert, Davena Hambrick, James Kosko, Michael Hill, Janice Steele, Leian Cimarra, Faith Burgess for Tauoa Head, and Daniel Ross-Jones. **A quorum was present.**
Also present: Associate Conference Minister Marty Williams and Acting Conference Minister Ken Iha

The minutes of the June 22nd meeting were approved via email sent on June 26. There were 15 affirmatives.

3. Prayer and reflection: Candace Frawley led us in a time of prayer and reflection. There was time for “checking in” and sharing good news and new programs in our local churches.

4. Council Slate - Vice President nomination

Candace Frawley presented the name of Matt Broadbent as a nominee for the Vice President position for the Council. **The nominating committee moved, no second needed, to elect Matt Broadbent as Vice President for a one year term.** Matt Broadbent answered questions posed by members. **Motion carried.**

5. Associate Conference Minister Report - Marty Williams

Marty reported briefly on the General Synod, highlighting experiences and sessions there. She also attended the Common Grounds Gathering (announced at previous meeting). Marty listed new ordinations and installations (see below).

Leian Cimarra announced that at General Synod, there were two NCNC people, selected for Justice and Witness awards; they are to be congratulated. One was a youth and young adult from Eden Congregational Church. The other was an adult, Deborah Lee (student at PSR).

6. Acting Conference Minister Report - Ken Iha

Ken Iha expressed appreciation for words of welcome. He has been busy with both “jobs”, as he is still working with First Congregational Berkeley. He has met with the Committee on Ministry and subcommittee on ethics. They are working diligently. He asked that Council members feel free to call him. There was a suggestion that the NCNC office use constant contact to keep churches informed. Ken commented on the fact that we will be working on the website and a communications strategy. An expert in web development is being sought!

7. Justice and Witness Recommendations - Candace Frawley

Candace Frawley presented the Justice and Witness Ministries Overview Board (JWMOB) paper and their recommendations (emailed prior to meeting). Ken Iha clarified that any remaining monies have been sent from NCNC to the Neighbors in Need account at the UCC in Cleveland (per their request). **It was moved by the JWMOB committee, seconded by Jeannie Hobson, to accept the report and recommendations of the JWMOB.** This includes transfers of money, accepting reports and progress of projects and the expansion of the overview board. **Motion carried.**

8. Finance Report - Ken Iha

In his role as Conference Treasurer, Ken Iha presented the finance report for the year through May 31, 2013. (Handed out and will be available electronically.) We will get a final year-end report (through June 30th) at the end of this month. Ken answered questions about the finance report and the expenses YTD. **Ken Iha moved, no second needed, to receive the finance report. Motion carried.**

Check signers: **Matt Broadbent moved, Jeannie Hobson seconded, to remove Janice Steele and to add Daniel Ross-Jones as check signers for the Conference. Motion carried.**

9. Conference Discovery Groups - Matt Broadbent

Matt Broadbent introduced a method for involving all churches in our Conference in a discernment of our needs and priorities. (See draft that was emailed in advance of the meeting). He indicated that he would like to start with Santa Clara, to pilot the process in the next couple months. Then teams for each Association would be trained to do the same for their churches. The "discovery conversations" would be held for each church, and led by a team of two (facilitator and recorder). The goal is to complete this process by the annual gathering, next May. It was noted that the information gathered will help the Conference develop the Conference profile for the Conference minister search.

Matt Broadbent moved, Valerie McEntee seconded, that the Conference adopt a process of visiting all of our churches to discover the need and priorities of our ministries and to assist in the preparation of developing our Conference profile. Motion carried.

10. New Business

Annual Gathering Update. Janice Steele & Jeannie Hobson commented that there is a possible new date for the Annual Gathering. Original date was June 26-29, 2014. DOC has cancelled their date. Thus May 1-4, 2014 is now available. **Valerie McEntee moved, Janice Steele seconded, to move the date for the NCNC Annual Gathering to May 1-4, 2014. Motion carried.**

11. External Communications, Announcements and Installations:

There was discussion on what should and should not be included in the Council minutes. It should definitely include Council actions and issues of concern to the Conference that the Council is involved with. This discussion on the role of the Conference office in disseminating information to churches will continue at the next meeting.

Other items of interest (*may be eliminated from future Council minutes*):

- Valerie McEntee: Announced Immigration "walk" for August 11-September 3; Sacramento to Bakersfield.
- Candace Frawley's ordination will be August 4th at Community Congregational Church UCC in Benicia.
- David Haas, musician, is presenting a workshop and concert on September 21-22 at Grace Community Church North Fork.
- Rev. Anton DeWet will be installed at Danville CC on August 25.
- Rev. Janice Steele has been called to Loomis Basin Congregational Church UCC for a designated term.
- Rev. Elizabeth Griswold had her first Sunday with Parkside UCC in Sacramento on July 14.
- Raj Rambob has been called to College Heights Church.

12. Closing reflection and prayer

The meeting was adjourned with a reflection by Steve Mevert.

Next meeting is August 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill location. It will be Conference Council training, with UCC General Counsel Don Clark, who will guide us through training on board governance.

Respectfully submitted by

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