

NCNC Council Meeting
October 11, 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President, Candace Frawley, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hospice of the East Bay. Present were members: Eunice Aaron, Daryl Clemens, Daniel Ross-Jones, Fiona Klassen, Barbara Colliander, Candace Frawley, Kelly Wilson, Davena Hambrick, Matt Broadbent, Jeff Hopson. Conference Minister Ken Iha. Conference treasurer Tom Clarke. The quorum necessary for 20 members is 11 (51%). A quorum was not present.

The minutes of the September, 2014 meeting were not approved, due to lack of a quorum.

1. Grounding and Relationship Building: Prayer and reflection were led by Jeff Hopson.
2. Covenantal Support: Timely Priorities Candace Frawley led us into work groups for the priority tasks that need to be done by the Council. Each group met to determine their first priority of action. The help of others who are not on the Council should be enlisted!
 - a. *Board development and visioning* - Vic Robinson, Daryl Clemens, Davena Hambrick, Tauoa Head, Kelly Wilson. By October 25th, the group will report to each other on the council responsibilities. They will also work with the nominating committee to develop a pool of volunteers with needed skills for the work of the Council and its committees. They also looked at the by-laws.
 - b. *Collating and reviewing policies and procedures (bylaws are priority)* - Mike Smith, Jeannie Hobson, Eunice Aaron, Richard Brabham, Barbara Colliander. Primary goal is to recommend bylaws amendments for the Annual Gathering (Meeting). The financial and personnel policies will follow. The group identified by-laws sections that are "problematic". Areas under consideration: 1) Defining the role of the Associations, 2) Clarification on the term "executive" committee (under Officers); 3) Quorum for the annual meeting, with reference to the authorized ministers, 4) Review of the Committee for Recruitment of Conference Leaders (aka nominating committee). Back ground checks will be covered under the personnel policies. Also, the conflict of interest policy.

The Council authorized the officers to develop a list of possible "nominating committee" members after contacting the associations. They will recommend a list of members at our next meeting. The Council approves the committee members.

- 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. Note: Group did not meet at this Council meeting.

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d. *Communications and Connectivity* - Daniel Ross-Jones, Jeff Hopson, Candace Frawley, Steve Mevert. Goals continue to be worked on, specifically: 1) draft a Conference stewardship letter to be sent to churches; 2) reaching out and connecting with AGPT; 3) an event that will support congregational leaders (held after Annual Gathering), 4) reaching out to other conferences.

3. Communication: Annual Gathering Update The planning team is meeting on October 25th. The theme will be presented at our (Council's) November meeting.

4. Communication: Search Committee Update - Ken Iha gave the update the search process for the Conference Minister. Face to face interviews are planned for early next year and hopefully, the Council will meet with a potential candidate in February/March. Work is being done on the website and the communications effort.

5. Communication: Conference Staff Report - Ken Iha reported that they are almost ready to present the 2014 Annual Gathering report. There are still issues with people showing up without prior registration. He also reported on the UCCR camps and program costs. There is a focus on Tamarack and pulling this camp out of UCCR. (There is a request for clarification on the relationship between our camps and UCCR).

Patricia Wood will not be attending General Synod. Ken Iha asked to replace her with John Amey. The Council affirmed this appointment.

6. Relationship Building/Sustenance - Lunch

7. Covenantal Support Finance Report - Tom Clark presented the finance report; this was emailed prior to the meeting. We are running ahead of budget. Some of this is due to the savings on personnel; we do not have 2 full time Associate Conference Ministers. There was discussion that we should be using this money.....and we will be!

8. Creative Transformation: Organically Grown Topics - New business and sharing. None.

9. Communication: Action Items Review - Candace listed items for the next meeting (see each report above).

10. Closing Reflection and Prayer: This was offered by Daniel Ross-Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is **November 8, 2014** at Hospice of the East Bay, Pleasant Hill.

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