



NCNC

Council Minutes

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Berkeley Chinese Community Church

In Attendance:

- **Council Members:** Jeannie Hobson, Patsy Finster, Mike Hill, Theron Jones, Richard Brabham, Jim Ross, Fed Ranches, Roy Mosley, Alesana Sunia, Eppie Encabo, Phil Konz, Casey Ream, Jeremy Johnson (via phone), Liz Armstrong, Rob Parrish

NCNC Staff: Davena Jones

9:57 am – Welcome by Rev. Sharon MacArthur

10:00 am – Rev. Sharon MacArthur opened meeting with prayer

Covenant of Respect

Covenant of respect passed out to all council members. Covenant read by members of the council. This will open the Council meeting in the same manner each meeting.

Minutes

- January minutes were distributed via e-mail

Motion: Accept Jan 2018 NCNC Council minutes and the email minutes. Moved Patsy Finster, 2nd Theron Jones. Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA:

Agenda accepted by consensus. Quorum present.

Vice President

- As Richard Brabham is now acting NCNC Council President a new VP needs to be approved

MOTION: NCNC approves Theron Jones to serve as Vice President of NCNC Council. Moved Mike Hill, 2nd Eppie Encabo. Motion carries unanimously

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

- Council welcomed new NCNC Treasurer Rob Parrish.

Motion: NCNC Council accepts treasurer report as presented. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Liz Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously

Audit for year ended December 31, 2016

- Audit appears that all financial issues are in good order

Motion: NCNC Council accepts audit as presented for the year ending December 31, 2016. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Patsy Finster. Motion carried unanimously



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Annual Gathering 2018

- There are now three resolutions that have been received by the business committee. They are now being put into proper format for the annual gathering business meeting. These will be presented along with the other items such as the budget and nominating report.
- off campus opportunities. Petaluma Church has offered to do a tour of the wet lands. Also there is opportunity to return to the school site from 2017 AG.
- AG 7 will meet in the new office on Thursday
- Timely items can still be brought to the business committee for inclusion in the AG business meeting
- AG team requests guidelines regarding prior resolutions. These are resolutions that may have come before AG in past years. Is there a data base of prior resolutions? Business committee is requesting that a data base of prior resolutions be completed and put on NCNC website by August of 2018. Suggest that a policy be established and put into the standing rules prior to AG 2019

Annual Gathering 2019

- After last meeting dates for 2019 were approved Sonoma State has indicated that the ballrooms would not be available for NCNC on those dates. Much discussion regarding this has taken place
- NCNC has been active in trying to secure General Minister of UCC, John Dorhauer for an AG – he is available for 2019 on Thursday June 13 – Sat June 15, 2019. These dates are available for Sonoma State as well.

Motion: Move previous 2019 NCNC AG dates be moved to noon Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 4:00 pm Saturday, June 15, 2019. Moved Jeannie Hobson, 2nd Roy Mosley. Motion carries unanimously

South Berkeley Church

- History of the issues NCNC Council has been dealing with was presented and discussed. Some items – is the church still in covenant with NCNC and the UCC. If not what is the process now. Is NCNC liable for any issues that may arise?



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- The issue has been discussed with council. The process is that the association that the church is in must look and declare whether the church is in covenant (Bay Association) and bring their recommendation back to NCNC Council.
- 1st the NCNC Council would ask the Bay Association of the NCNC to address the issue of South Berkeley Church – is the church in good standing and in covenant – and bring back a recommendation to the NCNC Council for any further action as needed.

Motion: NCNC Council requests that the Bay Association examine and investigate the Covenantal standing of the South Berkeley Church as soon as possible and bring back a recommendation or finding to the NCNC Council. Moved Liz Armstrong, 2nd Jim Ross Motion carries unanimously

Youth/Outdoor Ministry Update

- 3 step program
 - Inclusion letters – have gone out
 - Make a friend – connect with youth of churches to become involved
 - Bring a friend (to camp)
- Details are being worked out at this time
- Someone from YOMC will be at March meeting to follow up with Council

Minister's Report – see attached

- Upcoming Programs/Concerns
 - a. AG – see previous notes
 - b. CCMG Event/November – see below
 - c. Endowment for Church/Clergy Vitality and partnership with PBUCC (pension board) – more information needed
 - d. Partnership with CB&LF and Cornerstone related to church buildings – no report
 - e. The Balm-media presence – need someone to step to the plate to take charge of this – staff just does not have the time to devote to this at this time
 - f. Justice and Witness issues:
 - a. Anti-Racism Training update – Training to be Saturday March 24th – location TBA
 - b. Domestic Violence Awareness – no report
 - c. Sanctuary Churches – Workshop on this to be at AG
 - d. Actions (stop Urban shield/DACA, etc. – continue to put these items in the newsletter so that folks can be aware of activities
 - e. April 4th Radical Justice Rally in Washington DC – at this point group going is Diane Weible, Dick Hom + about 8 more folks



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- **Misc. Items to report/request feedback on:**
 - a. Audit Report – see previous notes
 - b. Giving Protocols (UCC) – (see attached) after much discussion including the fact that the UCC is going to begin this protocol NCNC needs more information before signing on as agreement
 - c. OCWM covenant Plan for vote at AG? Should NCNC institute a per –capita as well as OCWM – more at AG. It should be noted that having staff and council members visit churches has helped OCWM giving
 - d. Mountain Valley Association – Mountain Valley Association has (pending final vote) decided to disband and have all administrative responsibilities and actions become NCNC responsibility. They would continue to have a voice on the NCNC Council.
 - e. Coaching – Diane, Daniel, and Davena need opportunity to do practice coaching
 - f. ReVision – 2 churches so far have signed on for this
 - g. Widening the Welcome – There will be a meeting regarding this in NY
 - h. Video System Update – First Palo Alto has 2 for Santa Clara Association, Sacramento up and running at Pioneer, Redwood City in process, GGA in for 2 systems
 - i. Guerneville-no report but they have sent OCWM; Chico – Having vote Feb 25th as to whether to continue as a church (note vote on Feb 25th was to dissolve)
 - j. Livermore – DOC working on sale of facility
 - k. South Berkeley Church – see previous notes
 - l. Conference Disaster Coordinator – Melinda McLain has been the NCNC coordinator but feels she needs to drop this. Need someone else to head this up.

Associate Conference Minister Report:

- Should be noted that 23 of the NCNC congregations are in some phase of search

Special Request – Common Global Ministry Event

- The event will be November 17th in San Carlos. Southern Ca UCC and PAAM recently had this event and want to bring it to NCNC to share their visions. The guest speaker will be Rev. Diane Weible. It would be in conjunction with GGA fall meeting. Event would be from 10:30 – 1:30 including lunch. Request:
 - NCNC co-sponsor the event with GGA and PAAM with publicity and encouragement to attend the event
 - Help defray costs for dinner for 2 conveners Friday night



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MOTION: NCNC Council approves co-sponsor the Common Global Ministry event to be held in San Carlos, November 17, 2018 including helping defray Friday evening meal cost. Moved Liz Armstrong, 2nd Mike Hill motion carries unanimously

National Youth Event – Hawaii

- Deposits are due
- Scholarships available – check website
- For ages 9th – 12th grade
- Dates – June 25-29, 2018
- Theme – Come to the Water

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Jeannie Hobson