



NCNC
Council Minutes
Saturday, February 9, 2019
San Jose First Congregational UCC, San Jose, Ca
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In Attendance:

Council Members: Jeannie Hobson, Patsy Finster, Theron Jones, Rhea Gonzales, George Conklin, Phil Konz, Eppie Encabo, Jeff Munnis, Alesana Sunia, Liz Armstrong, Shernell Edney Stilley, Jim Ross, Roy Mosley, Patrick Lopez, Richard Brabham, Robert Parrish (Ex-Officio)

Staff: Diane Weible, Daniel Ross-Jones

Guest: Wade Hobson

10:02 AM Meeting called to order in by Council President, Richard Brabham

- Opening Prayer Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley
- Welcome Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley
- Covenant of Respect shared by Council members
- Council check in

Approval of Agenda/Quorum:

- Quorum established

Motion: NCNC Council approves agenda for February 9, 2019. Moved Jeannie Hobson, 2nd Theron Jones - Motion carried unanimously

Approval January 2019 Minutes:

Motion: NCNC Council approves January 12, 2019 minutes as corrected. Moved Eppie Encabo, 2nd Jeff Munnis - Motion carries unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- November Treasurer's report has been corrected
- Discussion regarding negative balance in the unrestricted funds. Is there possibility of moving some funds from the restricted funds to the unrestricted funds to show a positive balance? Diane Weible working on this.
- Discussion regarding the process of how the treasurer's report is arrived at. Should the structure be changed in the way in which NCNC does finances – make it more transparent?

Motion: NCNC Council authorizes the NCNC Council President to establish a financial committee of three persons to assist Conference Minister, Diane Weible, and NCNC Treasurer, Rob Parrish in reviewing the NCNC financial processes. Moved Jeff Munnis, 2nd Patrick Lopez – motion carries unanimously

Motion: NCNC Council accepts the treasurer's report as a draft. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Eppie Encabo. Motion carries unanimously



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Annual Gathering:

- Only 4 months out – registration available but is very low at the moment. Council members encouraged to register. We need to encourage and solicit youth delegates
- Discussion regarding the role our keynote speaker, John Dorhauer General Minister and President of UCC, will take at annual gathering.
- Council will support the annual gathering planning team in their concepts what this role will be
- At present there are 2 resolutions coming to annual gathering (deadline is the 15th of February). The current resolutions are being vented according to the annual gathering standing rules.

**Motion: NCNC Council accepts the annual gathering report. Moved Jim Ross, 2nd Theron Jones
Motion carried unanimously**

Retreat for Council and Staff:

- Retreat planned for April 22-23, 2019. Site not firm at present – contract in process
- Plan will be for a “soft opening” looking at the “foundation of the UCC-NCNC, and an early bedtime if needed
- Day 2 lead by a facilitator using the “logic model”. Also Yvette Flunder, City of Refuge, will be at the retreat to help

Bylaws:

- A bylaw committee is needed to review current bylaws as it has been many years since they have been looked at.

Motion: NCNC Council approves Roy Mosley, Raj Rambob, Richard Brabham, for the bylaw committee. Moved Patrick Lopez, 2nd Alesana Sunia. Motion carries unanimously

Campaign/Development Support (Daniel Ross-Jones):

- Discussion of the process discussed.
- One of the “roles” of Council members is to show financial support of the conference by an annual \$100.00 contribution of each member. Council members are encouraged to have this completed by March 1, 2019 so that when the “silent phase” of the campaign is begun it shows councils 100% support.
- In addition Council has shown support by contributing today.
- Goal is to have 10 “Friends of the Conference” by end of 2019 and to grow this every year. (note – “Friends of the Conference” donations stay 100% in the conference.)



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Conference Minister Review:

- A big thank you to Melissa Tumaneng for chairing this committee and all her hard work
- Review is positive.
- Review encourages Diane to do more self-care (she indicates she is working on this)

Motion to accept the Conference Minister's Evaluation. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Patsy Finster. Motion carries unanimously

Pension Board Capital Campaign:

- Draft of the booklet has been e-mailed to Council members
- The campaign information will ask churches for possible individuals that can donate to this campaign – it will not ask churches to contribute.
- Visits with pastors to explain the process and ask for possible names will be March 1-11, 2019

Slate, Cazadero Facilities, United camps Conferences & Retreats (UCCR) Owner's Council, etc.:

- Discussion regarding motion from January 12th meeting regarding Tamarack Facilities Committee member Jeff Jones.

Motion: Motion of January 12, 2019 to be amended to read: The NCNC Council excuses Jeff Jones with thanks from the Tamarack Facilities Committee, in addition the request for Jeff Jones to be approved to the Cazadero Facilities Committee is denied (not approved). The President of NCNC Council, Richard Brabham to write a letter to Jeff Jones relaying this information. Letter to be sent by February 15, 2019. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Theron Jones Motion carries unanimously

- Youth, Outdoor Ministry Committee (YOMC) has been non-functional for some time now. Has no officers, has had no meetings. Only 4 of the members are responsive in any way.

Motion: NCNC Council disbands the Youth, Outdoor Ministry Committee (YOMC) as per NCNC bylaws. Moved Jeff Munnis, 2nd Patrick Lopez. Motion carries unanimously

Motion: NCNC Council approves creating a "Camp Planning" committee. The committee will comprise camp directors, camp chaplains, Conference staff Diane Weible and camp office staff person, the four remaining Youth Outdoor Ministry Committee members that have been active and other interested parties. Moved Jim Ross, 2nd Eppie Encabo. Motion carries unanimously

Note: A letter will be sent to all former YOMC members explaining the council action and reasoning.

Motion: NCNC Council appoints Richard Brabham to the Owner's Council of United Camps, Conferences & Retreats (UCCR). Moved Theron Jones, 2nd Patrick Lopez. Motion carries unanimously

Note: Jeannie Hobson – NCNC representative on Owner's Council will inform UCCR



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- Slate: For Council 2023 – Richard Brabham will become a member at large; Santa Clara Association continues to have no representation. Need to recruit Youth and Young adults (YYA) for council there are openings for 2020, 2022, 2023.
- Camp Cazadero work week-end – request has been made for funding for the traditional “prime rib” dinner. NCNC Council approved funding for 2018 with the stipulation that future dinners should be less expensive.

Motion: NCNC Council approves \$600.00 for the celebration dinner at the end of the Cazadero work week-end. Council also recommends that the dinner not be expensive prime rib. If the costs of the dinner exceeds the \$600.00 the facilities committee can request additional funding from Council. Council does not expect participants to be asked to pay for any additional funding needed. Moved Roy Mosley, 2nd Jim Ross. Motion carries unanimously

Conference Ministers Report:

- Staff update-the NCNC office will be short staffed for several weeks. Keep the staff in our prayers.
- General Synod Delegates: 2 approved delegates not able to be delegates: Nick Rambob not a UCC church member and Patrick Lopez has asked to be excused. Will use the adult alternate, need to find a new youth and young adult delegate. If there are suggestions contact Diane Weible
- Association of United Church Educators is looking for a board member. If there are suggestions contact Diane Weible
- Culture of Volunteerism – Diane is working on trying to build this.
- Cornerstone/Church Building and Funds Partnership. This is a partnership to suggest ways in which churches can use their facilities. Will have ZOOM meetings.
- ZOOM Rooms: First Zoom will be on disaster preparedness
- Livermore Church: Regional Minister of the DOC (Disciples of Christ) has indicated they have a buyer for this property. However the buyer does not have a down payment. An agreement has been reached that the buyer will rent the property for four years; an amount of the rent will go into a holding account for the down payment (for four years). The remaining rent will be split between the DOC and the NCNC.
- S. Berkeley Church: The letter has been sent stating that the church is no being used as a church and that the NCNC will be taking over the building. Letter was sent via e-mail as well as snail mail. Only response was from Steven Davis stating “see you in the media/see you in Court” In addition – as there has been no available access to the building the insurance carrier did an external inspection. The result of this – Insurance carrier has notified NCNC by letter that there are repairs that need to be done with a deadline of 30 days or the policy will be terminated.
 - Next steps: A media statement for the NCNC has been developed if needed



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- Filing court case: the judge will probably ask before it goes to court for litigation if out of court solutions have been tried
- Once in court it will be requested that NCNC has access etc.

Motion: NCNC President, Richard Brabham, be authorized to be a signer on legal documents as pertaining to the S. Berkeley Church. Moved Jeff Munnis, 2nd Roy Mosley. Motion carried unanimously

Motion: NCNC Council approves Conference Minister, Diane Weible, using outlined steps regarding the S. Berkeley Church as needed. Moved Jeff Munnis, 2nd Roy Mosley Motion carries unanimously

- Kombi UCC app. Meeting scheduled for next week
- Camp Cazadero-acreage along edges/3rd Quarter Report: Camp Caz facilities meeting next week – make it clear that this is not a discussion for this committee
- Association/Conference/Church relationship Document: Draft should be ready by March 3rd

New Synod Resolution: Eppie Encabo presented a resolution that will be going to Annual Gathering for NCNC to sign and forward to Synod

3:02 pm Adjourned in prayer by Richard Brabham

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeannie Hobson