

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

13 October 2016

9:00 am-5:30 pm (EDT)

Attended: Rev. Rachelle Brown; SJ Ramage, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns; Kimberly Brown; Rev. Joe Cobb; Angel Collie; Mark Dagleish, Rev. Jakob Hero; Rev. Dr. William Knight (in afternoon),
Staff: Barb Crabtree, Director of Operations; Jack Hutter, Administrative Assistant

Opening Prayer:

Rachelle opened the meeting with prayer at 9:00 am

Connection Time:

SJ started the conversation discussing “Strength Finder” and each Governor identified and shared their strengths:

Rachelle – Strategic, Ideation, Learner, Input, Self-assurance

SJ – Strategic, Individualization, Ideation, Connectedness, Relator

Joe – Input, Intellection, Ideation, Connectedness, Strategic

William – Adaptability, Communicator, Consistency, Harmony, Responsibility

Jakob – Empathy, Inclusiveness, Individualization, Learner, Relator

Mark – Futuristic, Ideation, Intellection, Learner, Achiever, Analytical, Restorative

Kimberly – Activator, Analytical, Command, Empathy, Restorative

Jack – Arranger, Connectedness, Consistency, Harmony, Responsibility

This exercise helps everyone understand how each other works.

There was discussion on what it means to be MCC today, current global, cultural, and spiritual settings and factors (including social justice issues like marriage equality, gender diversity and identity, etc.). We also explored the concepts and differences in conforming and transforming, in relation to our vision and mission “transforming ourselves as we transform the world.”

Committees:

Discussion was held to define what each of the Board working committees are responsible for and what specific roles will be.

Finance:

We referred to the Finance Committee the issue of signors outside of USA. We talked about transitional matters from old board members to new, and considered ways to roll

all of this in with our upcoming 50 Anniversary celebrations. We agreed a need to redefine the make-up of the Finance Committee and recommended considering options for international banking.

Development:

The primary role of the Governing Board is to identify, grow and sustain financial and other resources for the organization. In general discussion of this role, we agreed that relationship building is key, expanding our understanding and practices in international philanthropy, funding needs (not wants), and looking more broadly and creatively at Fund Development in our global and local contexts.

Officers:

Interim Moderator – Rev. Rachelle Brown
Vice-Chair – Sarah Jane Ramage
Secretary – Rev. Joe Cobb
Treasurer – Kimberly Brown

Standing Committees:

Finance – Kimberly Brown, SJ Ramage, Barb Crabtree, Doug Burger, Cathy Campbell Heroux, Marsha Warren
Kimberly will draft a description for the committee's functions.

Development – Rev Joe Cobb, Emily Gaylor

Governance – Kimberly Brown, Stephanie Burns, Mark Dagleish, Angel Collie, William Knight, Jakob Hero

Strategic Planning – Mark Dagleish, Stephanie Burns, SJ Ramage

Creation of a Transition Team to support Interim Moderator based around priorities. These priorities will be determined collaboratively after meeting with the SLT and COE.

In general discussion of initial priority areas, we identified: establishment of assessments commission, church growth and intervention strategies, review of International Task Force Report recommendations, US Church Relations, Fund Development and Financial Planning, Core Competencies reflecting our values, presentation by the Board of Pensions, and

selection of the new MNC (Moderator Nominating Committee) and GBNC (Governing Board Nominating Committee).

Financial Overview:

Barb led financial discussion and overview of our current situation. We discussed how to be smarter and more effective in how our campaigns are publicized globally and locally.

We formed an assessment review team: SJ, Stephanie, Kimberly

We agreed to fund and grow priorities and ministries based on MCC Core Values

Bank Signors cards were signed – Barb Crabtree, Kimberly Brown, and Jakob Hero will be signors.

Future Meeting Schedule:

Governing Board meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm ET

27 October 2016

17 November (4th Thu is Thanksgiving)

22 December

26 January 2017

23 February

23 March

27 April

25 May

22 June

27 July

24 August

28 September

26 October

16 November

28 December

Next F2F 31 March (Travel)

1 April

2 April

3 April (Travel)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm