



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

26 February 2014 – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. EST; 21:00 - 22:30 GMT/UTC

ATTENDEES

Rev Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Crawshaw, Vice Chair; Sarah-Jane Ramage, Secretary; Gail Rissler, Treasurer; Raquel Benítez-Rojas, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin; Kareem Murphy, Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations; Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

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| 4:00 | Welcome and Opening Prayer | Nancy |
| 4:15 | Consent Agenda | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes: December 2014 – AMENDED (housing allowance) • Minutes: 22 January 2015 | SJ |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operation’s Financial Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December P & L, Balance Sheet, Budget Summary | Barb |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator’s February Work Plan Report | Nancy |

Onetta: Motion for all but amended December minutes.

SJ: I can second it, but [need assistance to amend December minutes].

Nancy: Passes.

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| 4:20 | Discussion Agenda | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee and Budget Proposal (15) | Gail/Barb |

There was discussion around the requirement to increase the budgeted shortfall following the finalization of 2014 year end. It was considered that changing departmental budgets so soon after they were agreed would not be ideal, however, nor was it ideal to be dipping into reserves time and time again.

Gail: I'd like to move that we approve four motions presented (see below- these four bullet points appeared in the slides), the third notion being corrected to repay \$38k to OP.

•Approve a motion to suspend the prior GB motion to carry-over \$65K of unspent 2014 investment funds to 2015 operating fund.

•Approve a motion to end use of the 2014 investment funds returning any unspent 2014 amount to the appropriate account.

•Approve a motion to repay the \$37.8K debt from our investment fund.

•Approve a motion to fund \$65K of the 2015 budget from our investment fund.

Second: SJ

Passes Unanimously

Barb: Update on Current: January, I did projection, not in Consent Folder. Assessment income through February, running \$10k over for year. That is good news. Income is still stress point. Expenses, no surprises.

- **Moderator's Corner (10)**

Nancy

Nancy: Since we will be together next week, been doing lot of work for Moderator's Circle. Relaunch in April. Got invite to Cuba for Rev. Perry and Mona West. Hector will go as well, for Pride in Havana. University is doing work there, exciting times.

- **March Face-to-Face Agenda (10)**

Nancy/Clinton

We have an intense day of meeting. Friday is with Gil Gerald. He'll get us on track with development. He said he'll only need an hour on Saturday.

There was discussion around the objectives for this time.

It was noted that Robert will be leaving early to attend the Selma 50th Anniversary.

- **Development Committee (5)**

Robert

Robert: Just wanted to do that pitch, and if there is a specific question for Gil, we'll package it and send it on. It will have an impact on finances, and it's important to get it done.

- **Governance (5)**

Onetta

Onetta: We are ready to release dates for Special General Conference, letter to announce it, after our Face-to-Face meeting, as well as delegate information, and press release. I'll share with Carol as well as Jason.

Moderator Nominating Committee

You know, now that selection criteria has been released, there has been a timeline adjustment. I'll share it with non-recused members at meeting next week.

Governing Board Nominating Committee

We have 19 names as people to invite to apply to fill the vacancy created by Nancy Maxwell's selection as an Elder Candidate. Few emails bounced, three said don't have capacity. Two have sent resumes. I don't think there will be slate next week, but will be further down road, and more than one candidate. Giving people a little more time to consider is only fair.

To be updated at March meeting.

Action: To replace Nancy Maxwell. Need motion to transition off due to Elder position to reduce perceived or real conflict of interest.

Action: And motion of gratitude. Communication will include this info.



Motion Onetta: to replace Nancy Maxwell on GBNC due to Elder Appointment.

SJ: Second.

Passes Unanimously.

Motion of Appreciation: Onetta

Second: Clinton

Passes Unanimously

Onetta: The other thing is there is another person on Bylaws team.

Onetta: Motion to approve team.

Second: Kareem.

Nancy: Thank you for the addition to the team.

Passes: Unanimously

Onetta: Carol, in Communications, you have the press release.

- **Communications (10)**

Carol

Carol: We sent final report, who had deficit report of \$12,000. Also sent Assessment letters to churches. Chris did that. I created a new page on GB web page, that archived old reports in separate page. We'll add things just passed.

On FB, I share releases the day after.

And due to several postings, only myself or Robert can post (on the GB FB page). You can tag MCC GB. I've changed privacy setting. Someone last week posted eight things about Climate Change. It's got our name on it, and so I try to be sensitive what's on it.

At Face-to-Face, I'd like to visit about our purpose. We have a separate page, FB, what do you want on it? And webinars. We'll discuss that.

5:25 Open Questions

Nancy

Nancy: I consider our time with Gil to really be around that (Open Questions).

5:25 Review Action Items/Meeting Evaluation

Nancy

5:30 Closing Prayer Robert

Meeting concludes at 4:48 p.m.