

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

27 April 2017 4:30 pm EST

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, Sarah Jane Ramage, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Jakob Hero, Mark Dalgleish, Kimberly Brown, Angel Collie, Rev. Dr. William Knight

Absent: Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns

Staff: Jack Hutter

Check-In/ Opening Prayer:

After a brief check-in, Rachelle opened the meeting with prayer. As part of our check-in, Rachelle shared that during her recent visit to the Brazil Network Gathering a new book called "Tropical Butterflies" has been published recounting the first ten years of MCC in Brazil! Rev. Elder Troy Perry first visited Brazil in 2003, planting the seed for this new growth.

Consent Agenda:

March 2017 Meeting Minutes
Moderator's Report
Governance Committee Report

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented was made by William.

Motion was seconded by SJ.

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

Discussion Agenda:

Committee Reports:

Governance Committee:

The submitted Governance Committee report was presented by Angel Collie and we noted the upcoming webinar for the Board of Pensions Rate increase vote is scheduled for May 23, with the virtual vote slated for June 7-8 (covering a 48-hour period to allow for global time changes).

Assessment Committee:

The Assessments Committee has met three times, reviewing data to determine what the next steps will be. Conversations have included three key areas: what makes it difficult for some churches to pay (acknowledging financial problems), reporting issues and concerns, and deductions.

Assessment Church Support:

Current assessment agreements are being reviewed. There are currently 40 churches with agreements and 9 without agreements who are not paying. SJ and Stephanie are working to negotiate and/or renegotiate with churches while sustaining mutually accountable relationships. Governors were asked to participate in these negotiations, and Kimberly, William, Joe and Angel all agreed to help. There was discussion about leveraging time and talent, and resource sharing as part of the agreements. One goal would be to share programs that are working well and can be utilized by others.

Development:

Rachelle discussed the development plans. The donor database, including the Moderator's Circle, has been cleaned and updated. Rachelle is working on creating a 90 Day Donor Challenge for the summer, and has set a goal of \$500,000.

Finance:

The February financial reports are awaiting completion due to reconciling the assessment records. The new budget structure coding has been set up and will be rolled out soon. The process for staff pensions has been started. There is \$20,000 of inventory (primarily books by Rev. Elder Troy Perry) that is being researched and reconciled to be liquidated.

Review Action Items from F2F:

The Joint policy on Immigration was sent out today. The MCC CRRT (Collaborative Response Relationship Team) has been formed and is scheduled to meet on 3 May. Joe will get in touch with the PAD Working Group to advise them that this process has started. Staff appreciation was discussed. Ideas of what could be done were reviewed.

Regular portion of the Governing Board meeting ended at 5:50 pm ET, and the Governing Board went into Executive Session.

Closing Prayer:

The meeting closed the meeting with prayer at 6:25 pm ET.