

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 23 August 2018

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, Rev. Victoria Burson, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Miak Siew, Dr. David Williams. Staff: Jack Hutter

Quorum was established.

After a brief check-in, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Victoria.

Consent Agenda:

- 2018 07-26 GB Meeting Minutes
- 201808-01 & 02 GB Meeting Minutes Virtual Vote
- 2018 08-04 thru 06 GB Meeting Minutes Virtual Vote
- 2018 July Financial Reports
- 2018 August Moderator's Report

After discussion of the consent agenda, including the need for additional time to review, a motion was made by Rev. Joe Cobb and seconded by Dr. David Williams to table the Consent Agenda be approved by an email virtual vote.

Discussion Agenda:

New Governing Board Members:

Discussion regarding appointments for current board vacancies. Experience is needed in governance, finance, bylaws and fund development. An open call for applicants, along with an executive search, will be created along with a timeline for completion. The Board may appoint up to 3 lay and 1 clergy persons for the vacant positions. People who have completed the LEAD program will be invited to apply.

Finance Committee:

The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee is getting more involved. Operations around workflow procedures are being refined along with additional checks and balances being put in place following the resignation of our Director of Operations.

David Williams also briefly discussed the deposit for our 2019 General Conference Hotel and a request for a check to confirm.

A motion was made by David Williams to honor the Check Request for \$40,000 to be used from the General Conference Fund to make the deposit for the General Conference hotel. The motion was seconded by Rev. Miak Siew.

Aye: All the governors present

No: None

Motion carries

Designated Funds - Tammy Erwin has created a spreadsheet with all of the Designated Funds. Everything is being reconstructed. Small incremental payments are being made every pay cycle to repay these funds. The Finance Committee is coming up with a plan to repay all of the monies to the funds.

Joe will be going to Bank of America as soon as possible to be complete paperwork to be a signator on all accounts, per an earlier motion indicating this request of the Board.

Current review of finances and projections indicate an anticipated +\$5,000 cash flow by the end of September or beginning of October.

There was a discussion about delinquent assessments. Ongoing agreements with churches are being reviewed, and in the case of no agreements, being created to reconcile this matter.

Sarasota Property:

There was discussion about the Sarasota property. It was suggested that selling the property be revisited. It was suggested that a line of credit be established. Because this would be taking on more debt the Board was not in favor of doing this.

Governance Committee Update:

The MNC has sent a proposed budget for next year. The board will be reviewing it.

Assessments Committee Update:

Review of current assessment rates and agreements on file is ongoing. An early confidential report is available to the Governors. A process for requesting a lower rate will be in writing and in accordance with Policy 16 of the Governing Board Policy Manual for creating a "Restoration Plan." We will continue to affirm roles in the process for approving requests for a Restoration Plan.

Development Committee Update:

Gifts are coming in slowly through Let Your Light Shine, and another push will come for churches to incorporate this into October UFMCC anniversary offerings. Nearly \$30,000 thus far.

Organizational Structure Team:

In July Interim Moderator, Rev. Rachele Brown, made the recommendation to "establish a wider conversation with the General Conference to address the organizational structure. During the Listening Tour, I visited with many MCC church members and leaders in conversations about changes in church attendance and proposed a way to live into our Fellowship roots. It is true, as some have said, the word "Denomination" is not in our Bylaws. We have become a denomination, and as we look at the religious

landscape, that identity is a downhill ski slope. The shift in culture points to a new energy around associations with a key purpose. MCC has a key spiritual purpose that meets present spiritual needs. We have to ask ourselves, "Is the denominational model really serving the churches and leaders well?" "In what ways can MCC flourish and continue".

People are willing to be in this discussion. Can we select 3-5 people for this conversation? The Governing Board will keep this in consideration.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Miak.