

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
23 May 2019
6:00 pm EDT

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, Chair; Rev. Miak Siew, Vice-Chair; Dr. David Williams. Treasurer; Rev. Onetta Brooks, Clerk; Rev. Victoria Burson, Marsha Warren; Jack Hutter, Staff

Quorum was established at 6:08 PM EDT.

After a brief check-in, the meeting was opened with prayer by David Williams.

Consent Agenda:

2019 02-28 GB Meeting Minutes (Corrected Version)
2019 04-25 GB Meeting Minutes
2019 05-02 thru 07 GB Meeting Minutes Virtual Vote via Email
2019 May Moderator Report

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Marsha Warren

Seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson.

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries.

Discussion Agenda:

There was a request from Rev. Wanda Floyd to amend the motion of Affiliated and Emerging Church Partnership Program.

Motion that the Governing Board affirms the Partnership Program between Affiliated and Emerging Churches that includes Affiliated Churches giving a flat rate donation or a percentage directly to authorized Emerging Churches.

This donation is not reduced from the monthly 10% assessment to UFMCC.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Marsha Warren

Seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson.

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee- Marsha

Marsha commended Linda Brenner for her Impressive help to craft communications.

Development Committee – Rachelle

Rachelle thanked David for his work with some of the donors. As a result, we received a check for \$35,000 which allows us to pay off all of the Designated/Restricted funds to zero. We will communicate a follow-up of gratitude to donors. The amount will be added to the Financial Appeal total. A donor reception has been arranged for Thursday evening at GC. There will also be a Be-A-Gem reception with donors and scholarship awardees on Wednesday evening.

Agreed to adopt the recreation of the MCC communities and to pursue creation of this organization.

Finance Committee – David/Marsha

David reported that he final 2015 audit has been received, and that there was nothing earth shattering in their report. It is not filled with corrective actions. He also reported that most of the data for the 2016 – 2018 audits have been collected.

David also reported that calls have been scheduled with each of the moderator candidates. After much hard work, there are decent financials to turn over to a new Governing Board. Internal controls have been added. David thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work.

Marsha reported that she has been in contact with a realtor regarding the Houston property. They continue to work to sell the property to the owner of the neighboring property.

Motion to approve the reformatted 2019 Budget was made by Rev. Onetta Brooks.

Seconded by Dr. David Williams

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries.

The April financial reports are currently not available as the books for the month were just closed and the Finance Committee does not meet until 28 May. There will be a virtual vote via email to accept the April reports after the committee meets.

Governance Committee – Victoria

Bylaws –there are three bylaw proposals from the COE which have been posted. There are four bylaw proposal for the GB to review and decide on. There was some discussion regarding the four proposals, after which, two will be proposed and two will be dropped. They will be posted by 1 June.

Motion to accept the GB Bylaw Proposals presented was made by Rev. Onetta Brooks.

Seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries.

There was discussion about candidates for the GB needing their churches to be in good standing with UFMCC before being able to be elected or appointed to the GB. It is important that people who serve to understand their fiduciary responsibilities. If their church is not in compliance, can the person be? This should be a policy vs a bylaw. A policy would be a vote of the body making this recommendation.

It was suggested that being on the Governing Board should qualify for CEU credits. This would be in the Clergy Manual and approved by the COE.

The Board discussed adding a policy to address nepotism. David said he would write it and email the members. There will be a virtual vote via email to approve. The new Board will need to address, follow, or change the policy. There was also some discussion about Policy 11. Some think that the elected moderator should start as soon as election is over and object waiting until the 1 September start date. It is recommended to delete the start date from Policy 11 and say that the outgoing terminates with the first meeting of the new GB and that is the official start date. This would make it not so specific. The issue is around how do you do a transition plan as there needs to be some way to accomplish this.

Motion to accept the proposed changes to Policy 11 was made by Marsha Warren.

Seconded by Dr. David Williams

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries

Designated Offerings from General Conference:

Sunday Morning – General Fund with 50% going to Joy MCC

Monday Eve – General Fund

Tuesday Morning – CLGS; LGBTQ History project

Tuesday Evening – Clergy and Lay Education/Scholarships

Wednesday Morning – Network Gathering Fund

Wednesday Evening – One Pulse Foundation

Thursday Morning – MCC's global /international work (modified)

Thursday Evening – Darlene Garner Institute for Iberoamerica

Friday Morning – Emerging Churches

Motion to approve the designated offerings at General Conference as presented was made by Rev. Onetta Brooks.

Seconded by Dr. David Williams

Aye: All members in attendance

No: None

Recusal: None

Motion carries.

General Conference Update – Onetta

<u>Registration as of 23 May</u>	<u>Total Count</u>	<u>Unofficial Del. Count</u>	<u>Quorum 20%</u>
Non-Delegates	342		
Clergy Delegates	187	304	60.8
Lay Delegates	147	169	33.8
Virtual Voting	8	8	
Total	684	481	

A list of Distinguished Service Awards to be presented at GC was given to the GB for review. A virtual vote will be done to approve.

ITT update - Marsha/Onetta

ITT report final at 12 June meeting

Final report sent to GB by June GB meeting

Rev. Elder Don Eastman /consultant – GB & Moderator Orientation – July 5 & 6

Following Items were tabled
Nepotism Policy
Distinguished Service Awards
Policy 11 update
HR Manual

Executive Session – entered @ 7:45 pm EDT/ exited @ 8:31 pm EDT

Rachelle requested time to process

Motion:

Move to allow Rev Elder Rachelle Brown time to process submitting her resignation letter by 10 am CDT on May 24, 2019.

Made by Rev. Onetta Brooks; Seconded by Marsha Warren;

**Ayes: Rev Miak Siew, Rev Onetta Brooks, Marsha Warren, Dr. David Williams,
Rev. Victoria Burson**

No: none

Recusal: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown

Motion passes by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 EDT

ADDENDUM: The Governing Board received Rev. Rachelle Brown’s resignation letter via email on May 24, 2019 @ 9:49 AM CDT and acknowledged receipt on May 24, 2019 at 10:09 am CDT.

Submitted by Onetta Brooks, Clerk