

**MCC Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
**3 September 2019**  
**5:00 pm EDT**

**Attended:** Rev Elder Cecilia Eggleston, Chair; Mark Godette, Vice Chair; Chad Hobbs, Treasurer; Rev. Elder Diane Fisher, Clerk; Rev. Marie Alford-Harkey; Clare Coughlin; James Chavis; Rev. Alberto Nájera; Rev. Paul Whiting; Jack Hutter, Staff.

**Absent:**

**Established Quorum at 5:06 pm EDT.**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner from the Council of Elders.

There was a brief check-in of the Governing Board Members.

The Board shared a time of what they hope could be accomplished short term and long term during their time as board members.

**Consent Agenda:**

25 July 2019 GB Meeting Minutes  
26 August GB Meeting Minutes  
Moderator's Report

**Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Chad Hobbs**

**Motion seconded by Mark Godette**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

2019 June Financial Reports  
2019 July Financial Reports  
Bank of America Check Signers  
General Conference Financial Update

Chad Hobbs, Treasurer, presented the financial reports to the Board for discussion. He reviewed the Financial Dashboard Snapshots for June and July 2019 which summarized the Financial Reports. He will adjust the last bullet of the July snapshot to say that the General Conference finances are part of the Designated Funds. Future snapshots will include budget.

**Motion to accept the 2019 June and 2019 July Financial Reports as presented was made by James Chavis**

**Motion seconded by Rev. Alberto Najera**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

Chad gave an update on the status of getting the current board members listed as check signers on the Bank of America accounts. He is working with Dr. David Williams on this and the Board should get the paperwork in their email shortly.

It was determined that checks would go to Marie for signature first and then to Chad for the second signature.

Chad gave an update of the status of the finances from General Conference XXVII. We are still in discussion with the Orlando Hilton as to the final total of the hotel bill.

**Motion to send monthly financial reports to the Council of Elders and staff before being posted on the MCC website was made by Rev. Elder Diane Fisher.**

**Motion seconded by James Chavis**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

**Motion for the Finance Committee to provide a written report of their meetings to the Governing Board was made by Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston.**

**Motion seconded by Clare Coughlin**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

Cecilia thanked Chad and the Finance Committee for their hard work.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:45 pm ET to discuss budget and staffing. The Executive Session ended at 6:04 pm ET.

**Motion to halt the use of corporate American Express cards without permission of the Moderator and Treasurer through the end of the year for budgetary reasons was made by Chad Hobbs.**

**Motion seconded by Mark Godette**  
**Aye: All members present**  
**No: None**  
**Abstain: None**  
**Motion carries.**

**Communications Committee:**

Communication Around the World  
Planning Timeline  
Correspondence  
Prayer Schedule for COE  
Process for responding to emails/letters with tracking

Cecilia advised that thank you letters were sent to 121 churches in appreciation of their giving to the denomination. Some churches have increased their giving amounts.

There was a suggestion to have quarterly webinars to allow people to ask questions. It was recommended that questions be submitted in advance. A date will be determined after the October Governing Board meeting.

Diane and Linda Brenner will work with Cecilia to determine how to best handle communications around the world in a timely manner and in as many ways as possible. A timeline will be developed for things that are going to be happening.

Diane said that it is the Board's intention to do as much joint communication with the Council of Elders as is appropriate.

The Board's goal is to acknowledge receipt of incoming correspondence as quickly as possible with follow up communications as appropriate.

The Board has asked that a member of the Council of Elders opens each GB meeting with prayer.

Diane will track correspondence with a spreadsheet to ensure that all gets answered. The sheet will be available to the whole Board on the shared Google drive.

Alberto said he would work on the Correspondence Committee with Diane.

Cecilia thanked Diane for her work regarding correspondence.

**Review of Committees:**

The process of setting up GB committees and asking people to work on them will begin. Further discussion on committees was tabled until the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Insurance  
Deferred Motions from General Conference  
Quarterly Webinars

Joint Team on Apology  
Sarasota & Houston Property Update

Paul reported on the joint letter of apology from the Governing Board and Council of Elders. Rev. Elder Mona West and Rev. Elder Tony Freeman are working with Paul and Clare from the GB on this joint letter. They have set the outline and have produced the letter. They are determining to whom the letter will be sent. The first draft has been sent to board members, and feedback is being solicited.

Mark and James reported on the status of the Houston and Sarasota properties. One of the properties has been sold for back taxes and requires no further action. A message has been sent to the realtor to see where it stands for resolution. This is a small parcel that the neighboring homeowner has incorporated into their landscape.

The Sarasota property can be listed and the current tenant can be given the first right to purchase it. If the property is listed, a disclaimer will be made that there is currently a tenant with a lease through June 2020.

**Motion to explore the possibility of selling the Sarasota Property was made by Mark Godette.**

**Motion seconded by Chad Hobbs**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

Deferred Motions from General Conference:

**Motion to have the Moderator work with the Council of Elders on Motion #1 – Commission on Pathway of Healing was made by Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston.**

**Motion seconded by Rev. Paul Whiting**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carries.**

**Motion to combine Motion #2 - Committee to review Clergy House and Lay House and Motion #4 – Commission on Conferences was made by XXX**

**Motion seconded by XXX**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: None**

**Motion carries**

The GB Executive Committee will work on the motions and bring results back to the full Board.

**New Business:**

Working Groups Application Process

Diane and Cecilia will work on this and report later.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:40 pm ET to discuss insurance.  
The Executive Session ended at 6:50 pm ET.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 2 October 2019, 5:00 pm ET

The meeting was closed in prayer by Alberto.

Submitted by Rev. Elder Diane Fisher, Clerk