

Ohio Conference Board of Directors
April 22, 2016
Minutes

Present: Mindy Quellhorst, Tim Smith, Bob Tussing, Phil Hart, Pam Brown, Kevan Franklin, Kathryn Anadein, Jay McMillen, Jim Meyer, Nicole Havelka, Morgan Wickizer, Becky Erb-Strang, Jeff Roeger, Janine Wilson, Ken Daniel, Jill Glass, Sam Buehrer, Cathy Green, Rita Root, Cynthia Tyson, Dan Busch, Tom Brownfield

Opening

- *Call to Order* *Mindy Quellhorst*
- *Devotions* *Bob Tussing*
- *Community Building* *Bob Tussing*
- *Consensus Items (Agenda, Previous Minutes. February 4, 2016)* *Moved by Morgan Wickizer & seconded by Jay McMillan. Accepted by consensus.*
- *Reports (Handed Out)*

Financial Report

1. ***xOCWM Income.*** As of February, it is too early to list any comprehensive trends.
2. ***xOutdoor Ministries:*** Currently about \$15,000 ahead of last year's amount at this time.
3. ***Outdoor Ministry Capital Improvement Expenses:*** Process for Approval: This money is coming from the Tempeld Hills Running Camp. Three requests that were \$1,500, \$6,015, \$12,984 respectively.

*****Motion:** Board approves the process of spending designated monies of up to \$5000 per case. This is done with approval of 1. Ohio Conference Treasurer and 2. Ohio Conference Minister. Expenditure of money greater than \$5000 is to be authorized by the BOD Executive Committee.

Seconded by Tom Brownfield.

Motion Carries

*****Motion:** For the approval of spending \$12,984 for roof, gutter and fascia repairs at Tempeld Hills and approval of \$6,015 to repair the water system at Tempeld Hills to return it to an automated status.

Motion Carries

Met with Auditor: unqualified and is positive in its conclusion.

*****Motion:** Finance Committee recommends that monies over \$1000 have as check signers be: Ohio Conference Minister, Conference Administrator (Pam Brown), Secretary of BOD (Robert Tussing), Rev. Nicole Havelka.

Motion Carries

*****Motion:** To receive the bequest of James D. & Evalyn P. Roehm, and honor the stipulation that the bequest be placed in the endowment funds of the conference noting that the funds are permanently restricted. The board also moves to place a temporary restriction on the income in that the income is to be used for camper support.

Seconded by Jim Meyer

Motion Carries

*****Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report for Audit. Moved by Tim Smith, Jay McMillan

Motion Carries

Ohio Conference UCC 2017 Budget Proposal Projecting OCWM \$647,962 and these is a 13% decrease from last year. Staff is 1.6% average increase. Ministry Coordinator...moved to ½ time. National picks up the other ½. SONKA may re-do their budget, but all things are always in flux. It was noted that the Finance Committee does not make major changes unless directed by the Board of Directors. Questions came as to funding of Innovation Lab for 2017. Treasurer Sam Buehrer recommends that we make certain of Committees to steer budgeting of Benevolent Institutions

*****Motion:** That we accept the draft budget to present to the Annual Gathering in June 2016.

Motion Carries

xConference Minister's Report:

National Church is looking at the pattern of giving: OCWM, to see if that is sustainable. 2017 General Synod will see a report on this. Probably suggest that Conferences keep OCWM and National go to individual and institutional giving. This is all speculative though and is being surveyed.

xCamp Update: Camp Sales Group has determined the asking price for each property. The CSG is currently looking at the division and sale of the farmland that is attached to Pilgrim Hills. This property was bought several years ago but has not been used for summer camp programs or Natures Classroom programs. It might be \$5000/acre at Pilgrim...and \$7000/acre at Temple. We will work with a realtor on this...and the Camp Sales Group will oversee this sale and return to the Board of Directors for the final sale.

*****Motion:** The Board of the Ohio Conference approves the listing or auction of up to 175 acres of the woods and farmland adjacent to Pilgrim Hills camp at a minimum of \$5000/acre, with the provision that mineral rights are retained by the Ohio Conference UCC.

Moved: Cathy Green

Seconded: Jay McMillan

Motion Carries

xYouth Compassion Initiative Funds: Grant. About \$33,000 came to Ohio Conference for this. We still have about \$10,000 remaining and this is led by Conference Minister and must be used in Franklin County.

25-Aug-2016

xOSU Ministry Incubator This is for Campus Ministry at The Ohio State University. The former house was sold and the monies from that have since doubled. How do we move forward with progressive ministry at OSU? Currently the fund holds between \$200,000-\$250,000. This might begin in the Fall 2016. "This is the way to seek out the path."

*****Motion:** for a one year project: **The Ohio Conference UCC Board of Directors designate \$35,000 from the OSU Ministry related funds to be used for a one year "OSU Ministry Incubator."**

Moved: Tom Brownfield Seconded: Jim Meyer

Motion Carries

Outdoor Ministries: **Nicole Havelka** submitted a report. She introduced **Tina Heck who is Director of Marketing for UCCR**, who is an ordained Disciples Minister. Some years ago, a number of SF Bay Area church denominations banded together to create a cooperative in early 1970's to manage camps. They have managed many camps in California and so Pilgrim Hills was the first venture out of California. They are now in Massachusetts and Penn Central Conference. Possibly New York State. Many UCC enquiries are now being considered. UCCR runs a Summer Camp Training event: covering ALL things related to owning and running camps. They will be at Pilgrim Hills for such training in program ministries. Shirley Weyrauch chair of Outdoor Ministries and Bob Skinner were also present. Early registrations look very promising for 2016.

Nicole Havelka spoke of the Safe Camp Policy and her ministries in the Ohio Conference with focus on Communication with churches and Associations. She encouraged any and all questions to be forwarded to her. It was noted by a Board Member that communication from the Conference to the churches has increased greatly the past year.

Report on Visits to Lake UCC and Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights **Cathy Green, Jeff Roeger**
This was done to listen to their concerns regarding of their withholding OCWM to the Ohio Conference. These churches are connected to the UCC and offered heartfelt concerns about various Ohio Conference practices. They remain engaged with us as we engage with them. The question always is...how do we answer them and hear them. Jeff felt that they do have a desire to get back with us, but still, there is a disconnect with Ohio UCC and both thought about their decision very carefully. There will be continual follow-up.

Pam Brown: Summer Camp Registration will open on February 8.

Annual Gathering at Otterbein University for Friday and Saturday June 10, 11, 2016

Registration goes well with about 90 so far. We are on track with plans.

Executive Sessionas required.

Lunch

Search Committee for an Interim Conference Minister: *The job description is done and sent to National and that will be posted soon.*

Nominating Committee

Tim Smith

At Large	Tim L Smith	Lay
At Large	Becky Wickham	Lay
SONKA	Michelle Wilkey	Clergy
NWOA	Darla Metz	Clergy
EOA	Jerry Kruse	Clergy
WRA	Bertrice Wood	Clergy
CSEOA	TBA	

Positions to Fill...All the following are eligible to serve again.

Dr. Cynthia Tyson (CSE) 2016

Mr. Jeff Roeger (EOA) 2016

Mr. Jim Meyer (WRA) 2016

Jay McMillen (SONKA) 2016 *It was noted that we wanted more diversity within the boards and all committees. Ohio Conference is using National UCC Guidelines for seeking diversity.*

Executive Committee

Next Meeting : June 11, 2016 Ohio Conference Annual Gathering (Place TBD) (BOD meeting afterwards)

Meetings: August 27, 2016 (Saturday) Dublin Community Church

October 21, 2016 Dublin Community Church

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Tussing, Secretary, Ohio Conference UCC Board of Directors

- An email vote was taken of the Board of Directors concerning the Search Committee Interim conference Minister job description.
The Job Description Motion passes.
- An email vote was taken of the Board of Directors concerning the \$10,000 in the 2017 Budget. There was a **motion** from the Rev. Phil Hart to delete the \$10,000 from the Innovation Lab in the 2017 budget.
The Motion passes. *It was noted that this \$10,000 will be added to Church Development since it was Strengthen the Church Offering, earmarked for church development. This action does not affect the bottom line of the 2017 budget.*