

Ohio Conference Board of Directors
October 21, 2016
Minutes

Present: Mindy Quellhorst, Tim Smith, John Gant, Bob Tussing, Pam Brown, Kevan Franklin, Kathryn Anadein, Jay McMillen, Nicole Havelka, Jeff Roeger, Jill Glass, Sam Buehrer, Cathy Green, Dan Busch, Rita Root, Tom Brownfield, Jim Meyer, Morgan Wickiser

Opening

- *Call to Order* *Mindy Quellhorst*
- *Devotions* *Tim Smith*
- *Community Building* *Mindy Quellhorst*
- *Consensus Items (Agenda, Previous Minutes. April 22, 2016)* *Moved by Jay McMillen & seconded by Kevan Franklin. **Accepted by Consensus.***
- *Reports (Handed Out)*

Financial Report (End of September 2016)

1. **OCWM Income.** 15.6% decline across the Conference. All Associations are in the negative. We are at \$332,305 compared to last year of \$394,193.
2. **OCUCC Expenses:** Through September, the expenses were running about 8.6% under budget.
3. **Outdoor Ministries:** As of the end of September, a net loss of \$86,057 compared to a loss of \$81,349 in 2015. There are still some outstanding monies and bills to be in the final summer costs.
4. **Cash Position/Investment Draws:** Our cash position of \$132,074.
5. **Henrietta UCC:** The realtor has been showing this property.
6. **No serious offers on camp properties ...the Camp Adjacent Properties.** Pilgrim Hills is having a survey done. One bid came in under the Board recommended minimum but other possibilities remain.
7. **UCCR & Templed Hills.** Currently UCCR is asking for \$39,000 in operating cash as part of the contract. Templed Hills is being kept due to a bit better financial situation; there is no management for Templed Hills though. In Sabbatical it costs about \$50,000 just for upkeep. During 2016 there was a Running Camp which allowed us to net about \$35,000-\$40,000 on Templed Hills. It was noted that we would like some quarterly reports or have UCCR representatives appear at some BOD meetings. The visit by Mike Carr at the August BOD was greatly appreciated. The BOD would like a fuller discussion of Plans and Results from UCCR. There was a discussion concerning a possible Termination Clause, of say, 90 days, on the part of either party. It was noted that UCCR has done a good job of managing the facilities.
8. **Pilgrim Hills:** Recently received a donation for purchase of a canoe-hauling trailer, about \$5,000. The large deck needs repair or replacement and is currently a liability issue. Supporting posts are deteriorating. Materials alone will cost about \$22,000. Bids are being solicited from contractors, especially for the drilling of postholes and support posts, and it is expected to come in over \$50,000 for the project.

9. Motion: BOD thanks Sam Buehrer for current deck information and encourages further proposals for re-building of the current deck and a worship amphitheater at Pilgrim Hills. Motion by Jim Meyer, seconded by Tom Brownfield.

Motion Carries

10. Motion: To Accept the Facilities Management Agreement between UCCR and the Ohio Conference BOD concerning Templed Hills.

With the operating capital of \$39,000 Moved by Tom Brownfield, seconded by Jim Meyer.
Motion Carries.

Motion: That the deck be demolished as soon as possible for safety reasons. Moved by Tom Brownfield and seconded by Keven Franklin

Motion Carries

Motion: That we remove the unused cabins at Templed Hills due to liability. Moved by Morgan Wickizer. Seconded by Cathy Green.

Motion Carries

11. We need a Facilities Committee, someone from ODM and UCCR and BOD should be a part of this. Mindy Quellhorst and John Gantt will consider names and come back to the BOD.

12. Motion: Accept the current Auditor for the BOD Audit for 2016. Moved by Kathy Green, seconded by Jay McMillan.

Motion Carries

Lunch

Nicole Havelka submitted a written report. She also spoke of Bobby Burttt coming on board for leadership in the Outdoor Ministries.

Pam Brown...camp database moving to new web based system giving everyone an easier access to data. Pam will officially retire October 1, 2017.

Annual Gathering for Ohio, 2017....will be Sept 15, 16 at Westerville UCC.

John Gantt **Interim Conference Minister.** He expressed thanks for allowing him to join the Ohio Conference. He took note of our fine history but also noted that this position offers a real challenge and yet the Ohio Conference possesses great resources and people. He spoke of his exploration of the recent reports of the Ohio Conference in order to gain a more comprehensive picture of the Conference. John led us in a discussion of what each of us thinks is our purpose as a Board member. He also submitted a written report.

Outdoor Ministries

Jim Meyer

Jim spoke of **Affirm Camp** meeting and the background of Jody Oates who consults. We hope to have Jody and others from Affirm Camp at the December BOD meeting and we welcome their input.

German Forum Mindy attended this in September in Germany and gave a report at the Forum. We are in the 25th year of our connection with the Evangelical Church of Westphalia. Sandy Lindahl, Dan Doty, Beth Long-Higgins also attended.

Disaster Response Jim Ditzler has led this for a number of years and he would like to hand over his leadership. John Gantt is working with this transition.

Nominating Committee.

Tim Smith

Those on the Division for Outdoor Ministries want to stay on this committee even though many are exceeding their term limits. They intend to stay and operate and are creating a larger plan for the future. In other words...the BOD affirms their operation and will work with them to clarify their terms and numbers.

We also need to look at the nominations of people to the BOD in regards to their “constituencies” or larger affiliation to the Ohio Conference. There is also the challenge of General Synod representation in certain categories from the Ohio Conference.

Compensation Guidelines

Cathy Green

Cathy continues to work on Compensation Guidelines. They have held the first meeting and are looking at other sources to assist in assembling Ohio Conference compensation guidelines.

Executive Committee

Next Meeting : December 9, 2016, February 17, 2017 and another date around Easter or May 2017 to be determined.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Tussing, Secretary, Ohio Conference UCC Board of Directors