

**Annual Meeting
Business Meeting
September 26, 2015**

Moderator

Tim Smith

Minutes of 2014 were noted and **Motion** to accept the minutes by Marian Plant and seconded by Dave Jones. Accepted as consensus item.

Motion Passes.

Summery Budget

Sam Buehrer

Previously we were in a difficult financial situation and it looked like we would be out of cash in 2014 but there has been a definite turnaround.

In 2013 we experience a cash loss over \$260,000.

In 2014 we experienced a cash loss under \$100,000

In 2015, there was a cash turnaround.

Camps

One reason is UCCR from California which manages our camps and the camping program for 2015 and will change our camp losses to a profit in 2015. Tempeld Hills has been in “Sabbatical” and that is no longer a big drain to the Conference Budget. (It was mentioned that most of our Conference financial losses were due to the camps.) There has been a big reduction in operating costs for the camps. In various areas of costs we will realize a savings of over \$66,000.

1. Office Rent
2. Building Liability Insurance
3. Financial Management
4. Technology (Computer Maintenance & Repair)

OCWM Income

In previous years there was a 7.6 decline Conference Wide in OCWM year, which is over \$60,000 per year. This changed in 2014...we had an increase in \$9000 for that year.

Income-Expense Comparison 2013-2015

2013...loss of (-) \$266,630

2014...loss of (-) \$128,676

2015...(Projected) Profit of (+) \$986

Looking Forward...Tempeld Hills...UCCR contracted with a Running Camp for two weeks for 500 Runners and profited \$35,000. This was unexpected and beneficial.

Reducing operating costs.

OCWM...running flat with last year...and that is good, because it is not downward.

2016...(Projected) Profit of (+) \$55,188.

We hope to NOT pull from reserves in 2015 nor in 2016. This is thanks to Phil Hart, Staff and Board of Directors.

Sustainable, Vibrant ODM Program...we are sustaining camps and making them vibrant.

We look forward to running the camping programs and making them financially sustainable.

New Hire on Conference Staff...Rev. Nicole Havelka for communications.

Resourcing local churches. We have a literacy grant for churches.

Cross Conference Ministries. Working with Indiana-Kentucky Conference for the moment and other Conferences.

Presenting 2016 Budget

Income projections for 2016 do not reflect any sale of the camps or portions thereof. During discussions it was noted by Rev Dick Betts that staff members were let go, changes came about in both camps...all of which helped the bottom line but which were painful. We, as a Conference are grateful to so many who worked tirelessly in and on the two camps and the camping programs for so many years.

Since Phil Hart is working 20%-25% of his time with Indiana-Kentucky...where is that reflected in the budget and what is I-K contributing to finances? Answer: Under "Unrestricted Contributions" and it is equal to 20%-25% of Phil's Salary...plus...and extra \$5000-\$10,000 above the Ohio Conference Salary since I-K pays more for Conference Minister.

Motion: From Finance Committee...no second needed. **For 2016 Budget \$1.5 million.**

Motion: Passes

Outdoor Ministries Report

Sam Buehrer, Phil Hart

Numbers for the camping program look good and we can now start re-investing in camping and look to the future.

Property Sales...The Board of Directors gave authority to sell some lots outside the camping area at Temple Hills. The house was sold to Don Hardy. A Conference Group...Sam Buehrer, Phil Hart, John Croft and Bob Kutschbach are looking at all possibilities for sales and retention of main areas of the camps for future camping programs. Legal issues and all sorts of issues surround these possible sales or portions of camp sales. The Division of Outdoor Ministries is looking carefully at the Programs. UCCR management continues...Bob Kutschbach and Sam Buehrer are on the UCCR Board of Directors.

Capital improvements: nothing significant has been done lately but these will be done because things have stabilized.

United Church Homes

Ken Daniels

Laity and clergy are on the Board of UCH. There are 70 locations across 13 states and two native American reservations...and UCH is growing.

Investments in:

Fairhaven in Upper Sandusky. \$5 million renovation...including Alzheimer and Memory Care.

Parkvue in Sandusky...remodeled therapy gym. Ruth Parker gifts for new aquatic center and other amenities.

Chapel Hill in Canal Fulton. Cottages for residents. Modernizing and updating

Glenwood in Marietta was recently purchased by UCH.

Harmer Place in Marietta.

Beavercreek Ohio...recently added this facility.

Our Vision: Where the Spirit creates Abundant Life in Community.

Our Mission: To transform Aging by building a culture of community, wholeness and peace.

Core Values: Compassion, Hospitality, Respect, Integrity, Stewardship, Transparency (Christ)

Clinical Pastoral Education: Pastoral Education: at Trinity Community in Beavercreek.

Chalice Partner Program: Individuals, Congregations, Volunteers (Beth Long Higgins on staff connect people and congregations). Regional programs made available throughout the year.

UCH Centennial Celebration: July 22,23, 2016 Columbus Area, Workshops, Celebration, Worship, Movie: “Alive Inside” a promotion of Music and Memory.

Rev. John Dorhauer will preach on Saturday.

Nominating Committee Report:

Thanks to three who are going off the Board: Rev. Kelly Brill, Rev. Becky Sunday, Rev. Pam Easterday.

Moderator: Rev. Mindy Quellhorst

Vice Moderator: Kathy Green

Treasurer: Sam Buehrer

Secretary: Robert Tussing

Northwest Association: Ken Daniels

Western Reserve: Colin Jones

SONKA: Mike Castle

Eastern Ohio: Kevan Franklin

CSE: Tom Brownfield

Vote: All were approved and Elected

All were “virtually” installed from their respective places of meeting, followed by prayer. New Moderator: Mindy Quellhorst was duly presented with the gavel and the jewelry, which represents the five associations. In addition the banner for Rev. Mindy’s church Grace UCC in Lancaster which indicates that the Ohio Conference Minister is a member of that church, was presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Tussing, Secretary

Ohio Conference Board of Directors