

Council Minutes
New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ
February 21, 2008

Present: Sandy Alley, Winn Alley, Fred Atwood-Lyons, Doug Brenner, Mel Burrowes, Don Clarke, Luther Durgin, Donald Goodnow, Doug Hatfield, Charlie Heslam, Bill Hoystradt, Carolyn Keilig, Joyce Lovejoy, Wayne Martin, Beth Martindale, Jessica McCardle, Deb Moore, Les Norman, David Richardson, Gary Schulte, Carl Vitters, Art Urie

Les Norman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Wayne Martin shared the opening devotion – ‘The Pilgrim Way,’ by Rudyard Kipling (1890)

Minutes of the monthly January meeting and the special meeting on January 31 were accepted.

Kimberly McKerley reported that in November Of 2005 the conference council authorized the Crosby Scholarship Fund for Theological Education in Zimbabwe A decision was made by the UCC in Zimbabwe to make available scholarship(s) in the amount of \$400 -\$500 which will be managed by United Church Ministries.

Mel Burrowes presented an update on the Media Center. Jean has established hours and will publish them. Work is commencing on cataloguing DVD's; two telephones a day for hours and resources have been reported; the LCD projector has been borrowed twice; a booth was staffed at Prepared to Serve;will do a workshop at annual meeting on 'media in the local church'; exploring ways to get the catalogue on line (a goal by end of 2008). Mel distributed the by-laws and provided historical relationship between the Episcopal diocese and the UCC. Discussion followed Mel's question pertaining to the relationship of the conference and the media center. A needs assessment will take about a year to compile. Looking for people to serve on the Board of Directors, names of which will be brought to council for approval.

Havenwood-Heritage Heights – Charlie Heslam provided a detailed history of the conference relationship with Havenwood –Heritage Heights, a copy of their by-laws, a by-law revision and the resumes of two potential board members for councils approval. MOTION by Doug Hatfield, SECOND by Winn Alley to elect Gary L. Woods and Jonathan Schwartz to the board of directors. MOTION APPROVED. MOTION by Doug Hatfield, SECOND by Winn Alley to 'waive notice of requirement and adopt proposed

amendments for UCC Retirement Community, Inc. as presented.'
MOTION APPROVED

Budget and Finance – Carolyn Keilig

Letters of invitation are going out regarding the budget event on April 5. worksheets are due March 25. Participants are any boards/committees requesting funds. Time of the April event will be facilitated by Gayle Engel is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. By the end of the day the gathered group will collaborately shape the next year's budget. Each group should send two people prepared to give a 5-7 minute focused presentation on how/what their group does to enhance the ministry of the conference.

Sunset Rule for Committees and Task Forces – Carolyn Keilig

Carolyn posed a question pertaining to Article IV of our bylaws – what is a special committee; have any been established; once established they must terminate 3 years from the date of their creation (this can be extended for 3 years)

Nominating Committee – Art Urie

Presented two policy questions

MOTION by Winn Alley "Allow the Nominating Committee to consider those serving as Alternate General Synod Delegates to fill a position opened when a present delegate cannot attend a session." SECOND by Carolyn Keilig MOTION APPROVED

MOTION by Fred Atwood-Lyons SECOND by Luther Durgin the recommendation "That the Conference Council declares as policy that where the By-laws say 'filled for the remainder of the year' that what was intended was 'filled for the remainder of the term.'" MOTION APPROVED

Conference Minister's Report – Gary Schulte

Gary expressed gratitude to council members for allowing the process of the new Associate Conference Minister to proceed as requested. He is looking forward celebratory event on March 29 at Brookside Congregational Church.

Gary also expressed gratitude for the confidence council members gave him in allowing him to interview and select Bob Curry as Interim Associate Conference Minister.

He is continuing to pursue legal council for the conference

Expressed joy the resulting appeal for Zimbabwe scholarship and the money raised by the Ukama appeal

Noted that Prepared to Serve went extremely well – kudos to Jean Clarke; feels he is in the best conference in the UCC and is 'having fun.'

Discussed sending out the OCWM brochures to local churches

Director of Outdoor Ministries – Beth Martindale

See attached

Roles and Responsibilities of Outdoor Ministries – Doug Brenner

Doug presented what was a merger of two documents forming the newly titled 'Roles and Responsibilities of Outdoor Ministers' formulated by Les Norman, Beth Nordbeck, Gary Schulte, Doug Brenner and Beth Martindale. Following discussion - MOTION by Doug Brenner that council accept the document as presented by the subcommittee SECONDED by Art Urie MOTION APPROVED

Director of Outdoor Ministries Search Process – Gary Schulte

Gary requested the search committee be expanded by two and that the two be female educators; present committee has only one female and prospective Director will encompass education in the role. Suggestion by Wayne Martin that Gary and Les be allowed to appoint two more people to the DOM search committee. APPROVED.

Faith Formation Task Force Update – Les Norman

Committee is continuing to expand the scope and content of faith formation. A vision statement will be developed; ten people representing the geography of the conference have been invited to be a part of formulating the statement and will meet on March 4.

Annual Meeting Planning Committee – Jessica McCardle

Met on Feb. 20 in Wolfeboro. Plan to use Anderson Hall for worship and have a tent adjacent to it for displays. Workshops will be held Friday afternoon. 2009 will see a change in venue; change of dates for 2009 are also being considered; representatives of the committee will attend the budget planning meeting. Carl Vitters offered Purity Spring Resort in Madison as a possibility

Following the Closing Prayer the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Deb Moore