

Council Minutes
New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ
September 20, 2007

Present: Winn Alley, Don Clark, Paul Cullity, John Gregory-Davis, Diane Durgin, Luther Durgin, Don Goodnow, Ken Gould, Doug Hatfield, Bill Hoysradt, Andy Jepson, Carolyn Keilig, Joyce Lovejoy, Peter Lovejoy, Fred Atwood-Lyons, Wayne Martin, Beth Martindale, Deb Moore, Cindy Naidaitch, Les Norman, David Richardson, Gary Schulte, John Tostenson, Art Urie,

Les Norman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m; Art Urie offered the opening devotion.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended.

Proposal for outstanding loan: Ken Gould presented a proposal regarding the present loan resulting from the new dining lodge on Pine Mountain and the new Conference Center in Pembroke. MOTION by Art Urie: That the treasurer be authorized to withdraw (borrow) sufficient funds from our unrestricted CIF account to pay off Citizens Bank. We would pay back our CIF account monthly over a 20 year plan, paying 6% interest. SECOND by Win Alley. Following discussion motion was APPROVED.

Budget and Finance: Carolyn Keilig introduced Bill Hoysradt and presented the financial report through August 31, 2007.
>OCWM ahead of last year; outgoing expenses showing restraint
>impact of personnel changes will result in an increase of \$15-16,000 over revised budget
>Search Committee is reading profiles; hopeful to begin interview phase soon.

Joyce Lovejoy presented a revised change to the covenant package adding FICA offset. MOTION by Joyce Lovejoy: I move that the FICA offset be added to the covenant/salary package for the Associate Conference Minister. Second by Carolyn Keilig. MOTION APPROVED.

Election of Havenwood-Heritage Heights Board Member: Les presented biographical information regarding Peter G. Callaghan. MOTION by Wayne Martin to elect Peter Callaghan to the Board of Directors of Havenwood-Heritage Heights. Following a SECOND, the MOTION was APPROVED. Les will reply to the request as presented.

Report of the Conference Minister – Gary Schulte:
>See attached; additionally:

- >Gary stated his appreciation of after worship forums in the churches where he and Andy have preached.
- >Genesis Fund – make a difference dollars are going to conferences for new initiatives: 21 in the US and 11 to global ministries thus far.
- >Gary expressed his pleasure with new staff on board.
- >Indicated that as of this date only 14,000 had signed by Pastoral Letter on the Iraq War. Encouraged all to bring awareness to this at the local church level.

Report of the Transitional Associate Conference Minister – Andy Jepson

- >Back from enjoying a 2 week vacation.
- >Provided an update on her preaching schedule throughout the conference
- >Provided an update of continued meetings with CCL; Outdoor Ministries Board; Response Team; Ukama Board; Search Committees, local church leaders, and consultants.
- >Provided an update on searches in the associations she is working with
- >Andy is part of the newly reconstituted Family Village Board with which she will remain active after the first of the year.
- >First hard copy of the quarterly CE Newsletter went out. Consisted of activities and ideas pertaining to faith formation for children, youth, adults and confirmation.
- >Apple Polishing, scheduled for October 20 will present two rounds of workshops for educators.
- >CE training program will begin again in 2008.
- >Accessibility Committee has completed two surveys (41 of 144 churches responding). Once survey results have been compiled they will be circulated.
- >In the future, Safer Spaces Policy will include issues of accessibility, justice and Christian education.

Report of the Director of Outdoor Ministries - Beth Martindale

- >Beth reported on a successful summer with objectives achieved.
- >Working on compiling data for the last 5 years; will have preliminary data in October, comprehensive data in November
- >Reiterated that the Horton Center needs spiritual and physical work, a green assessment and a capital needs assessment. The question “where do we fit in physically and spiritually with the conference needs” to be asked.
- >Work weekend scheduled for the first weekend in October.
- >Senior High retreat upcoming at Geneva Point; need to get the word out and

address how to optimally publicize.

>Pad for the Verizon tower is up

>Introduced John Tostenson, new chair of Outdoor Ministries

Proposal for use of Grace Scott Memorial Funds:

Carolyn Keilig provided background information regarding this fund and a proposal for the fund which falls within the boundaries of Grace Scott's will.

MOTION by Carolyn: The Grace Scott Fund for Pastoral Care be used to fund leadership development/case conference groups as proposed by Drs. William Brown, Mark Wetts and David Reynolds for the period of September 2008 through June 2010. SECOND by Luther Durgin.

Discussion followed regarding the similarities/dissimilarities to CPR, mutual accountability within groups, council's role. Groups of 8-10 will meet once a month for 10 months to look at case studies. PCS will administer all aspects.

Program to be evaluated after the first and second years; beyond 2010 ???

MOTION APPROVED

Suggestions for reports from Committees and Commissions:

In order to ensure a better understanding of boards, committees and commissions, Wayne Martin suggested that one or two short presentations be made by members of the same at future council meetings. Next month=CCL.

Planning and Evaluation Committee membership:

Joyce Lovejoy presented questions about the nominating committee's procedure for replacing present members. Joyce will give potential names of nominees to Art Urie who will bring to the nominating committee.

Council Retreat, October 5/6

Les Norman asked for a show of hands for attendees. Packing list and directions made available.

Upcoming Events:

November 28 – Open and Affirming: Civil Unions are coming – are you Prepared?

February 16, 2008 – Prepared to Serve

Faithfully,
Deb Moore