

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
Conference Call Meeting  
September 10, 2018

1. Call to order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Chairwoman, Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, at 5:00 PM ET by conference call.

Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chairwoman; Moderator, Jim Waechter; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Miriam Bryant; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere

BoD Members Absent: None

Also present: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director; Dan Drea, CFO; Marianne King, Editor, The Congregationalist

2. Personal Check-ins: Michael Chittum reported on his visit with new grandson. Miriam Bryant reported on the plans for the Symposium planned around the 150<sup>th</sup> in Marshalltown. The city is making a recovery from the recent tornado damage. Marty Hall shared information regarding a former NA minister and family.
3. Opening Prayer: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 13, 2018 conference call were reviewed.

**2018/19 C 017 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus.
6. BoD Committee Reports:
  - a. P&A: Don Olsen reported that Diane Sorenson has agreed to continue on the P&A, but he has not heard back from the other member. He will make the appointment motion when he has both names to present. The P&A has not had an opportunity to review the position description for the Workshop Coordinator.
  - b. Investment Trust: Dan Drea reported that he has not received agreement to serve from all the members of the CIT. He will follow up.
  - c. Building and Loan: Dan reported that the committee is working on a loan to a member church. Details are being finalized.
  - d. Rep for Congregationalist Editorial Advisory Team: Miriam Bryant had nothing to report as the team has not met. Marianne King explained work that is being reviewed at the magazine before convening the team.
  - e. Finance Committee: Jeff Dillon related that he had nothing to report for the committee as they have not met. Next meeting is September 17. He hopes to receive agreement to serve from the members then. Marty Hall has agreed to be the BoD rep.

7. Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Dillon and CFO Dan Drea explained the financial reports through August that were posted on Trello.
8. Other Reports
9. Report of the DODC: DODC Debby Fulton was not on the call. Her written report is on Trello. Dan Drea reported that the second wave of letters went out last Friday for the Post Annual Meeting Appeal. The goal was to raise \$30,000, with an interim goal of 13,000 to obtain a match donation of \$10,000. The total as of Debby's report was \$27,568. Dan believes the total now exceeds the \$30,000 which includes the matching \$10,000. Dan also pointed out the goal for 100% participation of leadership.
10. Report of BoG: Board of Governors' representative Ashley Cleere expressed she was excited to hear that the Post AM Appeal goal had been met and exceeded. The board has been working on the Gift Acceptance Policy. Their fall meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7&8 in Oak Creek. Members of the BoD are invited to join them. Information will be on Trello.
11. Leadership Council: Moderator Jim Waechter reported he will be attending a planning meeting in Cleveland for next year's AM. The committee has created a new "accessibility task team" to develop ideas for improving attendance at the AM.  
  
Reporting for the Leadership Council, the new task team on the Center is just getting started. The Council has started a new meeting agenda. Quarterly calls will be for business reporting while the other monthly calls will be for "visioning". Each MC is to bring up a program they are working on for review by the Leadership Council. Jim is bringing forward the Year-round delegate program. As much of the program's maintenance has fallen to Linda Miller and she will be retiring soon, the program will need support.
12. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum referred to his report on Trello. He reviewed job expectations of the Workshop Coordinator. The position will be working closely with the Center initiatives and staff and the Lay Ministry Training Program. He has hired Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton to fill the position. Shawn is a CFTS graduate and will work from Florida where he is serving the Congregational Church in Citrus Springs.  
  
Question concerning progress of the investigation of distribution of Fidelity Charitable funds from the Heilmann Estate to the NA, the Etna church, and Hosanna Industries. Michael has not received any significant news. He will follow up.
13. Other Business: None
14. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on October 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT.
15. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Olsen. Call Adjourned at 6:05 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell  
Secretary