

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Conference Call Meeting
May 14, 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 Chairman, Jim Waechter, at 5:00 PM ET by conference call.

Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Jim Waechter, Chairman; Moderator, Laura Hamby; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Miriam Bryant; Rev. Ashley Cleere; Rev. Martin Hall; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen; Rev. Julie Johnson Staples.

BoD Members Absent:

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

2. Personal Check-ins: Michael Chittum related that he had had a wonderful vacation.
3. Opening Prayer: The Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 9, 2018 conference call were reviewed.

2017/18 C 046 Motion by Miriam Bryant to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 as printed. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
6. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum reported on the transition of the Center office to Oak Creek from Olivet. New administrative assistant, Laura Wright, is on board and working with Marie Steele, training on the details of the duties. The physical move, files, etc. will take place at the end of May. The Steece library and much of the library will remain in Olivet.
7. Oak Creek Property: Dr Chittum and Dan Drea reported on the progress of repairs to the Oak Creek building. Windows and doors have been ordered and they are currently waiting for them to be delivered. They hope to have that work finished by the first week of June. An evaluation of the HVAC systems has been made with an estimate of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Other areas to be considered: Parking Lot and Drive, Gutters and painting. Also some interior upgrades. Budgets for these areas have not been established. They will evaluate projects that may be appropriate for volunteer groups to accomplish.
8. Budget, Report, updates and motions: Treasurer, Jeff Dillon and Dan Drea reviewed the “pre-audit” financials that were posted on Trello. Auditors are just beginning their work. Income from churches to the Shared Ministries Fund is short of budget, but individual giving is up. Income includes \$14,000 from two churches that closed this year. Per policy, those funds were added to unrestricted funds in the SMF. There was no unexpected income from bequests this year. Income in excess of expenses is expected to be about \$94,000 which will be set aside for repairs to the Oak Creek property.

9. Director of Development and communication Report: Debby Fulton referred to her written report on Trello and commented on her report on the implications of recent tax reform on charitable donations. A packet is being put together regarding the tax information and will be given to delegates at the AM&C, posted on the website and included in the fall mailing to the churches.
10. San Diego Annual Meeting: Laura Hamby commented that the venue for the AM&C is very nice both inside the hotel and outside. The “Sole Hope” mission project with the NAPF and Hope attendees is on track.
11. Leadership Council update: Laura Hamby reported that the Vision Task Team is at work and hope to have materials ready for the Plenary Session. Focus on “how can we serve our churches?” The Leadership Council has changed the monthly meeting format to concentrate on vision.
12. NA Foundation Report: Ashley Cleere reported that the BOG is changing their meeting date to the third Monday of the month so as not to conflict with the BoD meetings. Three more churches have joined the Congregational Investment Fund. They are preparing documents related to “giving”. The Case for Support has been completed and has been posted on Trello. They are considering a capital campaign and working on a gift acceptance policy.
13. NA Goal: Explore why churches give/don't give: Dan Drea reviewed the SMF Giving Summary Report showing 308 churches had given this past fiscal year versus last year's total of 310. Some churches had reduced their gift, others had increased, etc. Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Dan and Debby Fulton then reported on the information that they had gleaned from their calls to churches.
14. For the Good of the Order: Jim Waechter presented information about understanding Millennials and what would attract them to the church and ministry. A small group of ministers are meeting at the AM&C to address issues and hope to form a network of millennial ministers and members.
15. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on June 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT.
16. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Julie Johnson Staples. Call Adjourned at 6:40 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell

Secretary