

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
September 9, 2019

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 4:00 PM CDT/5:00 PM EDT 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; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Claudia Kniefel; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen

BoD Members Absent:

Also present: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director; Dan Drea, CFO; Marianne King, Editor, The Congregationalist; Debby Fulton, Dir of Development and Communication.

2. Personal Check-ins: Jim Waechter spoke of his granddaughter's Baptism. Rev. Dr. Don Olsen related that his had performed the memorial service for Grant Stannard.
3. Opening Prayer: The Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer offered an opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the June Pre and Post meetings were postponed until next meeting as many members had not had time to review.
5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended adding #6 Task Team and committees
6. Appointment of committees and task Team: Need to appoint members to task teams. Only serve one year.
 - Discussion regarding establishment of a task team to focus on subjects involving sexual abuse. Team may use document by Arlin Larson some years ago as a starting point. More discussion next meeting

19/20 C 006 Motion by Claudia Kniefel that all existing appointed committee members remain in position until a replacement is appointed by the Board. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

7. BoD Committee Reports:
 - a. P&A: - Don Olsen had nothing to report.
 - b. Liason to Nominating: Jim Waechter reported that the committee had its first meeting in August and is starting to fill positions. A nominee for Secretary is still needed.
 - c. Congregational Investment Trust & Finance Committee: Dan Drea reported that the CIT holds quarterly meetings and has yet to meet since the NACCC. A church in Maine has joined the investment trust. Jeff Dillon reviewed the financial reports. Income is down (\$7,237) vs plan through August. The Finance committee will be meeting next week. Discussion regarding three items of concern around the consolidation of endowment funds: Administrative fees/drawn down; terms of some endowments; task team is reviewing what is an "endowment".

- d. Building and Loan: Jodee Lord had nothing to report. Team received some inquiries, but no applications.
- e. Congregationalist Editorial Advisory Team: Marianne King reported that the team will be meeting soon.

8. Other Reports

- a. Report of the DODC: Written reports on Trello. Hope to have Leadership gift at 100% by December. Goal of the Post AM&C appeal is \$25,000. So far raised \$22,345 through August.
- b. Report of BoG: Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere reported that the Board of Governors is preparing for the transfer of endowment funds. This will be part of the discussion at the joint BoG/Board of Directors meeting in October. They have met with our attorney who is writing up information as a reference document. Their Bylaws Task Team will be developing a Vision Statement. Expectation is that the BoD will have last action to physically make transfers. The Finance committee will speak with the lawyer to clear up any concerns.
- c. Leadership Council: Moderator Jim Waechter reported that the LC met in August and will be meeting every other month or as needed.
- d. AM&C: Jim Waechter reported that he and Carrie Dahm had met with Seth Jones to lay out plans for next June's AM&C in Portland.
- e. AMC Accessibility: Ashley Cleere reported that team is working to develop a recommendation which should be ready by the November 11 conference call.
- f. Sexual Abuse/Misconduct TT: Nothing to report.

9. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum said his written report was on Trello.

10. Financial Sustainability discussion

11. Other Business: Vice Moderator Cindy Bacon Hammer referred to a "thank you" letter from Mark Jensen which has been posted on Trello. Rev. Jensen was the recipient of the BoD Citation on this past AM&C.

12. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on November 11, 2019 at 4:00 CDT/5:00 pm EDT.

13. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum. Call Adjourned at 6:45 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell
Secretary