

UUPCC Board Meeting
September 9, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Executive Director Roger Bertschausen, Richard Van Duizend, Ann Gary, Eric Meter, Eric Cherry, Carol Cook, Anne Greenwood, Morgan McLean, Melody Moberg, Andrew Weber, Diane Rollert, Rick Irwin, Catie Scudera

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Amanda DiMiele (Recording)

A meeting of the UUPCC Board was held by Zoom video conferencing on September 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 11amCST/noon EST.

1. August Board meeting and Annual Meeting minutes: Meter

- August minutes approved.
- Two changes needed to the Annual Minutes: Libby Hanna's name is misspelled in some places, and the Youth Initiative should include Rev. Emrich's name.
- Board members should send any other changes to the Annual Minutes to Bertschausen.

2. Chair Report: Van Duizend

- Van Duizend wrote the President's column for PCC News. He recapped events at GA, wrote an article with Bertschausen on the Cathy Cordes Fund, and wrote an obituary to honor Leon Hopper.

3. Executive Director Report: Bertschausen

- The St. Louis office will send the newsletter from Bedford. DiMiele will verify that the mailing permit there will work.
- Regarding the 3rd International Women's Convocation (IWC), Bertschausen asked how best to urge attendance. Gary suggested doing a Constant Contact, and Van Duizend and Bertschausen agreed to prepare a note for DiMiele to send in a week. Will follow up again in November.
 - Bertschausen suggested doing an update/Q&A on the UUPCC at the IWC.
 - Van Duizend further suggested that if a significant number of people have been sponsored by their partners to attend, the UUPCC should do an event to honor them.
 - Bertschausen clarified that the UUPCC is not subsidizing individuals' attendance at IWC. We are encouraging congregations to help their respective partners with travel.

4. Treasurer's Report: Irwin

- Travel income is higher than in prior years, and higher than the budget. The budget is

\$44,500; the YTD income is \$74,000, but that will probably drop closer to the budgeted amount by end of year.

- Regarding transition expenses, the budget is close to \$53,000, and Bertschausen noted that we are about \$12,000 under budget.

- Budget aimed for net losses of \$105,000, due to mission initiative and transition expenses. YTD net losses are \$34,000. Net assets started at \$159,000, not including mission initiatives, and current net assets are \$136,000. By year end, that will decrease to an amount closer to the budget, which is \$90,000.

- Van Duizend asked if we had been receiving income from individual memberships. DiMiele will look into it and follow-up.

- Irwin commented on restricted funds. There has been lot of activity in transfer funds. The biggest change YTD is the contributions to Annie Margaret Barr, with a current total of \$26,000 for its capital improvement project.

5. Initiatives:

- **Youth/Young Adult Initiative: Moberg**

The Initiative has a good team including Moberg, Bertschausen, Hattie Cable, Anna Keenan, Rev Kate Landis, Natalie Briscoe, Ashley Lacey. Now considering what has worked in the past and ways to move forward.

- Bertschausen noted that we did not get a submission to PCC News about the youth camp, but we will incorporate that into a constant contact email soon.

- **New Start/ReFresh: Bertschausen**

- UU Church of Davis might be interested in a ReFresh. Plans are moving forward with Emrich to do a training. Greenwood suggested doing two trainings, since Davis and Berkeley are close and the latter could also use a ReFresh. Bertschausen expressed optimism for the idea, and promised to follow up with Greenwood.

6. Community Capacity Building : Bertschausen

- We will explore this in October—specifically, how and if we want to keep doing it.

7. Travel: Gary

- Touched base with John Dale, and he is pleased with the year. He was thrilled by Khasi Hills representatives coming to join the Madison group. Transylvanians have expressed interest in visiting Khasi Hills, and Dale is thrilled. That will be discussed more in October.

- Dale is concerned about getting enough people to attend public pilgrimages.

- Revenues are good. Suggested that we re-budget to incorporate North American ministers or

interns on the trips who can offer a more intentional spiritual dimension. UUPCC might also provide training to those individuals. Would need to discuss that budgeting with Dale.

- In October the board will discuss feedback from Transylvanians.

- Two choirs and nine congregations have put in serious inquiries about travel in 2017.

8. October 19-21 Board meeting and October 22 regional conference in St. Louis: Bertschausen

- Logistics look good. The office will communicate home stays soon. Bertschausen sent out a tentative agenda for the board's time in St. Louis.

9. October 14 Zoom meeting at 12:00 pm Eastern

- Van Duizend suggested that the board meet as usual to take care of routine business. All agreed.

10. Roots and Wings Fund

Bertschausen explained that this fund was established many years ago and sat unused for some time. The board decided last spring to redirect the money to support Bari's visit to GA and the visit of three Khasi Hill leaders to Transylvania. Of the \$3330 in the fund, the board spent \$3213. Barbara Beach noticed the money had been spent at the Annual Meeting and asked about it. How should the board respond?

Cherry recommended explaining that while the particular fund was almost gone, we have a general openness to working with the church in Prague in the future. Van Duizend recommended running Cherry's idea by Beach individually. If she is satisfied, all agree that Cherry's recommendation is best. Bertschausen agreed to talk to Beach.

Bookkeeper Hanna put the remaining money (\$116) back in the fund.

11. Other business?

Meeting adjourned at 12noon CST/1pm EST.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, October 14 from 12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/513335285>)