

UUPCC Board Meeting
Friday April 18, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Roger Bertschausen, Kelly Crocker, Ann Gary, Bruce Johnson, Beverly Moore, Diane Rollert, Gary Smith, Dick Van Duizend, Executive Director Cathy Cordes

Members Absent: George Davenport, Jennifer Emrich, Eileen Higgins,

A meeting of the UUPCC Board was held by Zoom video conferencing service on April 18, 2014. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Minutes

Van Duizend (M), Bertschausen (S)

Voted: To approve the minutes of the March 14 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Davenport circulated a written report. Regarding membership, Cordes noted that the Institutional dues went out this week. The individual memberships have been coming in pretty well, and the Annual Appeal is as usual. It's not unusual for us to have a bit of shortfall at this time of year. Gary noted that a single trip with 48 travelers (St. John's, Cincinnati) represents almost half of the number of travelers we had last year. This is good news – large trips are a financially positive – but we also had three cancelled trips; so in the end, it will be a light year for the Travel Program.

Moore (M), Van Duizend (S)

Voted to accept the Treasurer's report

Executive Director's Report

Cordes explained that Catie Scudera has recently returned from India, and Cordes has circulated her report. We will be contacting the Atlanta church to see if they might be interested in sponsoring the orphanage or if not, partnering with Nongthemai and Scudera has offered to go there to preach this summer. It makes sense to capture the potential interest in Atlanta, since their choir just traveled to the Khasi Hills. **Bertschausen will contact the minister in Atlanta to discuss the potential for scheduling a visit from Catie Scudera.**

Regarding next year's Winter Board meeting, Cordes has been in communication with Joan Montagnes in Bellevue, who is very positive about having us come there. She has, however, left the final decision to her PCC, and they will not meet until next week. If they are not able to host us, Cordes will try the Seattle church, and we also have the possibility of going to Sarasota, as well.

Cordes reported that she and Smith have been in touch with Laurel Amabile, about doing a development program for UUPCC. Laurel lives in Yarmouth, ME and used to work at the UUA doing stewardship and development.

Regarding the tax status issue, Cordes reported that we have received a bill from the attorneys who were helping with the proclamation that the UUA Board adopted for us. They also looked over our bylaws and the change that the Board made to the Articles of Incorporation. Unfortunately, this relatively small amount of work cost over \$3,000. Given that our lawyer in Washington State thought that his review of our bylaws would only cost a couple of hundred dollars, Cordes is thinking of asking that firm to do the future work we need on this subject.

Chair's Report

Smith reported that he just returned from the UK, where he worked hard to identify congregations that might be interested in partnering with US churches. He has forwarded this information to Cordes. The workshop that Smith did there drew about 70 people, which was terrific. That probably represents about 20% of the attendees. Smith will follow up with those he spoke to there.

Nominating Committee

Crocker reported that the slate of nominees has been forwarded to the Board and thanked Bertschausen and Harold Babcock for their outreach work. There is not as yet a person identified to serve as treasurer.

Stewards Award Committee

Crocker reported that 5 people have been chosen for the Steward awards, which will be presented at GA.

Follow-up on Goals: New Working Groups

Rollert and Higgins will report on using participatory processes in new partnerships at the next meeting. Bertschausen will report at the May meeting on staffing recommendations. He will circulate the draft "Goal 5 Plan" in advance of that meeting.

Travel Committee

Gary shared some highlights of the written report she circulated to the board. The committee reviewed the travel grant applications received in this round and awarded just over \$2000 to support travel by 3 Transylvanian individuals/groups traveling to the US and 2 US youth traveling to Transylvania.

We have received over 12 responses to the travel survey for the Atlanta Choir trip, and their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, especially about the welcome and hospitality they received. Several of them mentioned the air pollution problem in the Khasi Hills; we need to make sure travelers are aware of this issue for future trips.

In response to a request we received from Cincinnati, we have reworked tipping guidelines, which while seemingly clear, were nonetheless somewhat problematic, especially for large trips.

Gary reported that the trips page of the website has been updated to make the mobility and medical issues more visible. There is now a big button that links travelers to detailed information, and we ask that they review this before they register. With the help of Fleischman and our tech volunteer, Ron Cordes, we have also incorporated this same information in the on-line registration process, essentially requiring travelers to go

through a little survey that asks them to affirm that they are physically able to participate in the trip before they can register.

GA Events

The Board will meet Thursday and Friday (6/26, 6/27) mornings from 7:30-9:30 am; worship is Thursday 12:30 pm; the Annual Meeting is Friday from 12:00-1:30 pm; fundraising “meet-and-greet” event time/location TBD.

Next Meeting Date – Friday, May 16, 2014

Future 2014 Meeting dates:

- May 16
- June 26 and 27 (at GA)
- NO July,
- Aug 8
- Sept 12
- Oct 10
- Nov 14
- Dec 12

Meeting adjourned 12:37 pm.

Submitted by Beverly D. Moore, Secretary

Approved by the Board 5/16/2014 (bdm)