

UUPCC Board Meeting
Friday March 14, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Roger Bertschausen, Kelly Crocker, George Davenport, Jennifer Emrich, Ann Gary, Eileen Higgins, Beverly Moore, Diane Rollert, Gary Smith, Dick Van Duizend, Executive Director Cathy Cordes

Members Absent: Bruce Johnson

Minutes

Van Duizend (M), Bertschausen(S)

Voted: To approve the minutes of the January 2014 winter board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Davenport circulated a written report. He noted we are on track for our budget. We are moving towards a higher yield for our CDs. We did not roll-over the CD; we simply moved it into our bank account. **Gary and Higgins will follow up after the call about creating a new investment strategy.**

Executive Director's Report

Cordes circulated a written report to the Board. She explained that the recent Virtual Conference call was extremely successful. We reached out to all PCC chairs, and as a result, there were 20 people on the call. It was wonderful – the participants set the agenda and posed the questions. There is another call coming up next week for all India partners, which will have a similar format.

Looking ahead to the 2015 Winter Board meeting, the congregation in Bellevue, WA has agreed to host us and have our one-day conference there. Cordes has been in contact with the minister, Rev. Joan Montagnes, who has welcomed the Board to come. This seems like the right time to return to the West Coast. **Board members should inform Cordes of their scheduling conflicts for January – March 2015. She will also circulate a scheduling survey to the Board.**

Board members commended Cordes for all her hard work on the UUPCC tax status.

Chair's Report

Smith reported that he and Cordes are continuing to work on finding someone to help us with planned giving.

Nominating Committee

Crocker reported that the Nominating Committee is looking for two board member replacements: one specifically for treasurer and the other an at-large seat. The Nominating Committee may also need a new person if Larry Coburn decides not to continue on the committee. They are also hoping that Harold Babcock will continue past the end of his term this year. They are trying to identify younger ministers to join the Nominating Committee.

Stewards Award Committee

Crocker reported that Ann Greenwood and Sarah Dorer have agreed to be on the

Stewards Award Committee again.

Travel Committee

Gary reported that the India Choir Trip was a huge success. **Gary volunteered to draft a letter to thank the UUNEI leadership for all their hard work.**

Other International Organizations

Rollert reported that she met with the ICW (International Women's Convocation). They are working on MOUs with ICUU, UUNEI, and the UU Church of the Philippines. The general sentiment was that everything was working very well between the UUPCC and the ICUUW, but there might be good reasons for us to enter into an MOU as an affirmative step and to help clarify areas of cooperation.

Orphanage Working Group Report

Emrich circulated a draft report to the Board concerning schools and orphanages. Emrich thanked the Board for their great questions. What she and Davenport were trying to figure out was, given with the kinds of relationships that have developed, what would be a way to move forward with partnerships with schools and orphanages in a way that fits into the mission of the UUPCC? What was done in the past should not necessarily be repeated, but rather we should concentrate on what the future could be like if schools and orphanages were asked to have similar infrastructure to what a congregation would have when they entered partnership.

Davenport noted that even with congregation-to-congregation partnerships, we are often creating are congregation-to-community partnerships. This concept could be extended to schools and orphanages. These partnerships would be managed at the partnership level, just as a congregational partnership would be expected to be. If our partners create an orphanage or school and that entity would like to have a partnership that could work. The infrastructure would have to come from the international partner, not from the North Americans.

One question that might be important to answer would be what services would UUPCC have to provide, beyond what is already being provided to congregational partnerships? Cordes suggested that the relationship between Fairfax and Puriang might be one model. She noted that there are two other churches in that same district that are also partnered with schools in India. With those schools' functioning partnerships, Cordes did not believe that the UUPCC was providing more services than to any other partnership. She further noted that schools' partnerships are usually pretty straightforward. The only two cases that don't fit the model are the Indian orphanage and the New Life School.

In the case of the orphanage, what this proposal seems to be recommending is identifying a congregation that would be the partner of the orphanage, as opposed to UUPCC handling all the communications and financial oversight.

Emrich suggested that there is a way for these types of partnerships to function within a narrow path. For those schools' partnerships that are not working, it would be necessary to get them compliant with this model. Smith inquired whether the plan is to be proactive in seeking out these partnerships? Emrich noted that as a Board, it would be important to educate ourselves about schools partnerships and make sure that all the literature we produce makes it explicit that these are congregation-to-congregation partnerships and congregation-to-schools/orphanages with equivalent expectations. The intention is not necessarily to grow these kinds of partnerships, but to expand the concept

of partnership. The proposal represents a road-map for how to handle this sort of relationship when we are approached about it. We do not necessarily have to promote it actively.

In some instances, if a congregation does a CCB workshop, the desire to be in a school partnership might grow out of that process. Cordes also noted that we have received a request for a schools partnership from a congregation that was involved with the Uganda school, had a good experience, and wishes to repeat it. Supporting the school is benefit of partnership to them. We can take advantage of this opportunity but do so using best practices.

As an aside, Cordes noted that there are congregation-to-schools programs that were set up independently of the UUPCC that still exists. Some of our institutional members are involved with this program, although some have begun withdrawing because of some of the challenges, particularly communication. Cordes has a list of these relationships that she received from the UUNEI.

In summary, Smith noted that the Board seemed to be in agreement that they should affirm the proposal and thanked Emrich and Davenport for their efforts.

Goal 5 Committee

Bertschausen noted that this group is not quite ready to report, but will have something for next meeting.

Future Meeting Date - April 18, 2014

For future meetings, Cordes would like to have the Board use a computer-based product called Zoom that would allow us all to be able to see each other. Board members should go to Zoom.com, download the application, and then Cordes will set up a practice meeting to test it out. It can be used from tablets, iPads, smartphones, etc.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm.