

**UUPCC Board Meeting  
Friday, May 10, 2013  
Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Cathy Perry, Scott Prinster, deForest Ralph

**Also Present:** Margot Fleischman

A meeting of the UUPCC Board was held by conference call on May 10, 2013. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. **The minutes of the April 12, 2013 Board meeting were approved as presented.**

**Treasurer's Report**

We currently have just over \$207,000 unrestricted cash, ignoring the cash on hand for all the restricted accounts as well as the cash received from travelers that we have not yet sent to pay for expenses. Year-to-date, we are running about \$10,000 in the red. We are about where we expected to be, if not a little bit stronger.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Smith reported that the Annual Leadership call went well and that he and Cordes got some interesting comments during the call. For example, one participant noted that even though she is very connected to the Partner Church work, she always learns a lot when she comes on a conference call. There were also some questions about ministerial transitions; it was noted that San Mateo's partner church minister in the Philippines wrote a letter that was included in the packet that went out to potential ministers. There was also discussion about creative ways to make travel more affordable, as well as alternatives to travel, including Skype.

Smith reported that we have received confirmation that UUPCC will have a slot at the Plenary at GA on Friday morning. We will have 6 minutes to show our video.

Smith further noted that there been some exchanges of emails about the membership committee charge, and the Board should have a conversation at our Thursday morning meeting at GA. **Cordes and Smith will create the agendas for the Board meetings during GA.**

Chair Smith requested that Board members look over the list of 10 congregations that received letters from Rev. Peter Morales and reach out to anyone they know. Specifically, this would be a phone call to follow up with the minister about the letter, explain why partnership would be a good thing for their congregation, share partnership experiences, and offer whatever might help be required to reach out to their congregation. Cordes can provide details for specific congregations. **Gary, Bertschusen, Smith volunteered to participate in this effort.**

**Executive Director's Report**

Cordes circulated a written report but also highlighted a recent conference call with all the Philippine partners. It was a good call – there was sharing of information and ideas, and a lot of pointing out of the differences between travel to and from the Philippines and the travel model we are used to in Transylvania. **Rollert and Bertschusen offered to speak about international issues at the Board meeting at GA.**

Cordes reminded Board members to put the GA Plenary Session on their calendars. It is early –

starting at 8:30 with the introduction of international visitors – and including the UUPCC video. We will also show it at Thursday at GA and at the Annual Meeting. **It was suggested that we distribute literature during the Plenary. We would need to decide what this literature would say.**

Cordes noted that there are changes coming to the composition of the Board, with turnover of two board members: Ralph and Prinster will not continue after their terms are up, although Prinster will be at GA. Eileen Higgins and Rev. Jennifer Emrich (aka Jennifer Lentz) are nominated for the Board.

### **Travel Committee**

Ann Gary reported that she met with Barbara Threatt to work on website content regarding the travel program, as well as on a letter to congregations that have traveled in the past, but not recently.

### **Philippines Update**

Bertschausen reported on his recent trip to the Philippines, including a wonderful visit with his partner congregation in Banay-Banay. Along with Don Southworth, he attended the ministers' meeting, a workshop (given by Don), and the Annual Meeting of the UUCP. Bertschausen also had the honor of preaching the sermon at the installation of one of their new ministers, Rev. Tet Gallardo. Southworth will be doing an article for the newsletter about the trip.

### **Seminarian Program**

Bertschausen reported briefly on Lee Barker's recent visit to Transylvania. It seems like this has moved things along for the Seminarian Program, as noted in Cordes' report.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Crocker reported John Gibbons has been collecting short pieces from the Founders that seem more appropriate for newsletter articles than for a booklet. However, Crocker has the ability to create a booklet if that is desirable. Smith will check with John Gibbons and Harold Babcock for an update and report back.

### **GA Events**

Chair Smith called the Board members attention to the schedule of UUPCC events at GA. Rollert is coordinating the worship service and has found a musician.

### **Future meeting dates:**

June at GA in Louisville,  
Thursday breakfast – 8 to 10 am Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 20, 1:45-3:00 p.m. UUPCC Worship Service,  
Friday 12 noon to 1:45 pm Annual Meeting  
Friday, after the Annual Meeting, short meeting of the new board.  
No meeting in July  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 15  
Winter Board Meeting in Bedford, MA, Jan. 15-18, 2014

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:43 pm.

Submitted by Beverly Derington Moore, Secretary  
Approved by the Board 6/20/2013