

MINUTES

Standing Committee on Mission Coordination and Administration

Saturday, January 23, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Dave Crittenden, staff	Jan Wilkerson, moderator	Judy Lucas, secretary
Laurie Williams	Jack Wilson	MaryMarg Karty
Veltri Taylor	Harriet Wilkins	Marta Kramer
Katherine Rieder	Kew Sun Chai	Millie Hankla
Marian DeWall	Eddie Knox, Synod moderator	Nate Rush, guest

Jan opened the meeting with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

Jan led the group in "Getting to Know Us" and asked each person to say their name and one thing of interest about themselves for the group.

Jan asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as distributed.

Item of Clarification: remove parenthesis of item 6 - information not relevant.

Nate Rush requests to discuss the Covenant relationship between Blackburn College and the Synod of Lincoln Trails

The Committee approved the agenda as amended. **M/S**

Jan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2009, meeting as distributed. **M/S**

Jan asked for nominations or volunteers to the office of Vice Moderator for the committee. Laurie Williams, minister, Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois volunteered to be Vice Moderator of the Standing Committee. **M/S**

Jan asked Judy Lucas to continue as Secretary of the committee. With no objections or volunteers, Judy will continue to serve as Secretary. **M/S**

Jan asked for nominations or volunteers for the Subcommittee on Leadership Development Fund. Dave explained to the committee the objective will be to write a policy for the distribution of funds from the sale of the building in Bloomington, Indiana - \$25,000 to \$45,000 a year. Monies are invested with the Presbyterian Foundation.

Jack Wilson – Mission Coordination and Administration and will Chair the subcommittee.

Laura A. Johnston - Leadership Development representative

Jennifer Burns Lewis – Board of Directors representative

Two Motions: Jack Wilson will chair the subcommittee and Jan Wilkerson will be one of the At-Large persons on the subcommittee. **M/S**

Jan asked for nominations or volunteers for two representatives to the Congregational Development Subcommittee.

Dave Crittenden informed the Standing Committee about the CDC, what it does, and who serves from this Standing Committee at this time.

Veltri Taylor volunteered and would like to chair this committee once again

MaryMarg Karty as commissioner member and Harriet Wilkins as standing committee member and COR representative

ACTION: The Committee moved and approved the appointment of the above persons to the Congregational Development Subcommittee.

2010 SYNOD MEETINGS AND THEMES:

April Meeting - Rejoicing our Togetherness with General Assembly with focus on the Overtures to General Assembly supporting the dissolution of Synods and someone from General Assembly to speak to the body. Jack Wilson volunteers to be on the Planning Team conference call.

July Meeting - Rejoicing our Togetherness with our Presbyteries. This Committee would like to meet the Presbytery Executives within the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Dave will handle the invitations to the Executive/General Presbyters.

October Meeting - Rejoicing our Togetherness with our congregations. Discussion will continue at the April meeting of this committee with how this can be accomplished.

COMMUNICATION REPORT: Marta Kramer, staff person reported.

INFORMATION

1. Synod newsletters going out every other week
2. Facebook – Marta asks all to join the site
3. Synod of the Pacific has a website where they publicize and except donations for various missions and ministries. The site has information and photographs and people can donate money to the various mission and ministries. We could join with the Synod of the Pacific, we could create our own or join with the Synod of the Covenant – geographically close – and GA funds may be available.

Marta would like to put together a proposal to be brought to the April meeting of the Synod and has the blessing of the Standing Committee to do so.

4. Marta would like to pursue the possibility of creating a subcommittee for communications

ACTION: Jan would like a motion to set up a subcommittee on communications. **M/S**

Nate Rush has volunteered to serve on the communications subcommittee.

BUDGET PAPERS

Dave explained the two budget reports distributed in the registration packets and asked for questions. He also wants each member to be sure and look at the Board of Directors report from Friday, January 22 and to understand some numbers will change on the report from that meeting. There are monthly reports available if anyone chooses to receive them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nate Rush discusses the Covenant between Blackburn College and the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Dave and Nate are putting together a meeting regarding covenants and request that anyone from the Synod join them in these discussions. The goal is an active working covenant between Blackburn College and the Synod of Lincoln Trails.

Jan asks each member to take information back to your churches and presbyteries to share what you have learned today.

Jan adjourned the meeting with prayer led by Vice Moderator, Laurie Williams at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Lucas
Executive Assistant and Secretary