

2011 Area Assembly Business Meeting Minutes September 17, 2011

Moderator Jacque Foster called the meeting to order at 12:46.

Norma Ellington-Twitty moved to approve the agenda as it was printed in the book. Tom Wood seconded and the motion passed.

John Harwell moved to approve the rules of procedure. Larry Colvin seconded and the motion passed.

The certification committee announced that there were 62 voting members present, representing 25 congregations. This represents a quorum.

James Brooks moved to approve the minutes from the 2009 Area Assembly. David Kennedy seconded the motion which passed.

Area Minister Penny Ross-Corona thanked Central Christian Church for hosting us in very fine fashion and lifted up their pastor George Christman in prayer as he is in the hospital. She then gave away a wooden chalice door prize to Kellie Reese of FCC in Dexter. The Area Minister's report was received and Penny made a few additions. Since the last Assembly Rev. Beth Dobyns has served as interim pastor at FCC in Troy. They have now called Rev. Jacob Thorne as their settled pastor. Rev. Frank Proctor has served as interim at St. Charles Christian Church. They have now called Rev. Chris Franklin. Rev. Katherine Kinnamon is serving as interim at Hamilton CC. Rev. Jarvis James has begun new church start The Body of Christ Christian Church. Rev. Doug Turner has served as interim at FCC in Festus. There have also been two ordinations since the last Assembly. Faye Blevins was ordained on June 5, 2010 at Dover Place CC. She now serves in Joplin. Dawn Ingram was ordained on June 27, 2010 at Webster Groves CC.

Regional Minister Danny Stewart brought greetings from the 277 congregations of the Mid-America Region and said that he was glad to join us in prayerfulness in the union of the people of God.

Financial Coordinator Tom Wood presented the financial report noting some of the Orchard Crest insurance and logging income and sales related expenses. He also drew to everyone's attention the list of congregational giving on page 14 and encouraged all to prompt their congregations to keep up with their estimates as best they are able. Jacque added that the estimates are very important and helpful with budgeting and managing finances so please get them in when the time comes. The report was received and Tom thanked Penny and Susan for their hand in creating it. After answering a few questions, he made the recommendation that the Assembly vote on the 2012 budget and empower the SEGA Board to create a 2013 budget as the sale of Orchard Crest progresses. These points were taken separately. The 2012 budget passed unanimously. There was some discussion about the Board creating the 2013 budget and there was consensus around challenging ourselves to get back to the practice of creating a two-year budget to be presented at the next Assembly. Empowering the Board to create the 2013 budget passed with one opposing vote.

Doug Cripe presented the Nominating Committee report. There was one correction to the report. Mary McCord should have been listed as agreeing to a second term, not a first, and she will also serve on the Council of Areas. The Mission Division Chair is still vacant, as are two seats on the Council of Areas. Those named were elected unanimously.

Jacque Foster presented the Moderator's report, commenting that this has been a significant time in Area life and that we've had to wrestle with hard questions. She gave thanks for the celebration at Orchard Crest and to Penny Ross-Corona, pointing out the high level of love and attention she brings to her ministry.

Penny presented Jacque with a plaque to express the Area's appreciation to her for her work as Area Moderator for the past two years.

Mary McCord presented the Executive Committee report.

Kellie Reese and Debbie Ellinghouse of First Christian Church in Dexter extended an invitation to the Assembly for September 21, 2013. This was approved unanimously and the wonderful welcome signs that Central CC had printed were entrusted to them for use at that time.

Joy Faires presented the Administration Division report thanking division members Kay Marshall, Judy Ridlen, and Steve Gray. There was one addendum: we now have the quiet title for the Orchard Crest property.

Mike Dixon presented the Ministry Division report highlighting that the process for licensing ministers will be changing to a commissioning model, and the process of ordination is in the process of shifting to a more local/congregational focus.

Brian Kirk presented the Nurture Division report outlining the changes in the outdoor ministry models over the last two years and highlighting the success of this summer's SEGA Summer Happening, which will be replicated next year under the guidance of Doug Cripe. He also thanked this year's co-directors Jenn Simmons, Jeff Moore, and Darla Glynn.

Norman Garrett presented a report of the Prime Timers Planning Committee calling for the discontinuance of the program due to dwindling participation.

James Brooks presented the Mission Division and Liberation Christian Church reports in the absence of Larry Thomas and Dietra Wise respectively. He noted the work that Liberation is doing towards a SEGA Young Adults group (planning meeting later today!). Martha Ruhl presented the Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism report highlighting the group's educational focus and outlining resources.

With the business finished, the moderator thanked all division chairs again and gave all present the opportunity to make an announcement.

- Voices of Praise Choir concert November 6th, Florissant Valley Christian Church. Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30 for six weeks prior.
- A group from Compton Heights Christian Church is going to India through Global Ministries on October 27th.
- Webster Groves Christian Church is planning a trip to Haiti for March 2012. More information is forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14.

Respectfully submitted
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