

Heartland Conference Board of Directors
Minutes 4.22.2022



Our Why: Together in Christ's love, we collaborate to reconcile and restore all God's creation

Our Calling: Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are called to connect, equip and support our faith communities to grow as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation.

Location: Zoom Video Conference
Stated Date: April 22, 2022
Stated Time: 9:00am

Attendance

Voting Members Attending

Mr. Tom Hathaway, Moderator
Mr. Jim Henry, Treasurer
Mx. MK O'Haver, Conference Secretary
Ms. Charlene J. Smith, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Eric Williams, CSEOA Representative
Mr. Martin Buck, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. David Brown, Living Water ONE Representative
Dan Weyand-Geise, SONKA representative
Rev. David Plant, Past-Moderator
Mr. Mark Vaughn, NWOA Representative
Rev. Laureen Roe, Disciples of Christ Representative

Non-Voting Members, Staff, and Guests Attending

Rev. David Long-Higgins, Heartland Conference, Conference Minister
Ms. Rebecca Hoskins, Heartland Conference Executive Administrator
Ms. Jill Frey, Heartland Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries
Rev. Daniel Busch, NWOA Association Minister
Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Living Water ONE Association Minister

Voting Members Not Attending

Rev. Daniel Doty, Vice Moderator
Rev. Diane Carter, NWOA
Rev. Melody Ruffin Ward, Living Water ONE Representative

Non-Voting Members, Staff Not Attending

Rev. Patricia Battle CSEOA Association Minister
Rev. Carl Robinson SONKA Association Minister

- **Meeting called to order at 9:05am**
- **Welcome, Introductions and Covenantal Prayer**

God of Love, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our common journey of faith leads us to continue to grow in mutual love. Help us respect each one's place on the journey of faith, while we live into our commitment to be active agents of social justice. Guide us to extend an extravagant welcome to all as we ourselves are nurtured in the unity of the One Spirit across all settings. Offering our diverse gifts in building God's beloved community here and now, we seek to promote responsible stewardship and sharing of resources which calls us to reach out across the Heartland and to our ecumenical partners. This we seek as we embody God's healing love throughout all creation. Amen.

- **Approval of Minutes/Agenda Items**
 - [March 18, 2022](#)
 - **Action Item: Motion to approve 3.18.22 Minutes & Today's Agenda**
 - Moved: David Brown
 - Second: Eric Williams
 - Result: Motion Passed
- **Treasurer's Report - Jim Henry**
 - [February Financials](#)
 - OCWM receivables likely reflect incorrect entries
 - Jim recommends a closer review before any approval or official action. Jim will have more complete report next month
- **[Outdoor Ministry Report](#) - Jill Frey**
 - Camp Promotion and Staff Recruitment
 - We are in desperate need of staff for the summer! We are open to creative time commitments
 - Cook & kitchen
 - Lifeguards
 - Health Supervisor
 - Registration is going great! We already have more campers for this summer than last year
 - Choir camp only has 1 camper at this point in time
 - Grands & Family Camp (2 sessions) is fully booked and closed to registration
 - Covid protocols
 - All campers will be asked to bring an antigen test (might want to specify negative) and those who are unable will be tested at camp. If you would like to donate tests or cash for tests, contact Jill
 - See submitted report for revised covid protocols
 - Templed Hills Site updates
 - Property Committee has met with architects and have made some revisions to simplify the project and reduce costs
 - Goal is to bring proposal & estimated cost to May board meeting
 - Pool needs new pump motor. A replacement has been located & will be installed.
 - Cost \$2,100 + Shipping and Handling
 - Progress is being made in getting new equipment installed
 - Additional charge from electrician to bring existing system to code & connect with new equipment. Cost \$6,000
 - Anticipate additional projects to be completed before summer
 - Memorial roof

- Road to new maintenance

- **Committee Updates**

- **Annual Gathering** (Thursday and Friday) September 22 and 23, 2022
 - Theme: Rising Up!
 - Meeting location at Westerville Community UCC, in person with an online option
 - Installation of Conference Minister
- **Constitution Review Taskforce**
 - Focused on slimming the document to essentials with a fuller & more robust policy & procedure guide
 - Terry Williams is pulling together the draft document

- **Quietly Courageous Reflections** - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CobrF6G0n-oybrCrgXnrERLFoEBtk3w1BtwHdHaF3Hg/edit?usp=sharing>

- Rendle writes that institutions have two missions: what they say (public mission), what they do (private mission) How would you describe the public and private mission that you see in the church of which you are a part and also in the wider settings of the church – association, conference, national, global?
 - Affirming church is in rapid place of change. The pandemic has forced congregations to self-reflect on purpose/mission.
 - Private mission is self-preservation for many.
- If the first task of leadership is to paint an honest picture of reality, what does that picture look like from your perspective?
- Rendle identifies three critical questions with which you may already be familiar: 1.) Who are we (identity)? 2.) What has God called us to do (purpose)? Who is our neighbor (context)? How would you respond to this in terms of the church local and larger?
- What kinds of new questions might we need to be considering?
- What other observations from this reading stuck out for you?

- **Conference Minister's Report**

- **Designated Ministry Partner Grants**
 - Potentially 2 additional grants to be distributed to Heidelberg University & Trinity Hill Family Services
 - Network Updates:
 - Leadership Roundtable Updates
- Annual Gathering Dates Pictures and bios - please send to Becca at becca@heartlanducc.org

- **DOC Regional Board Report** - Lauren Roe

Next Meeting Dates

- **May 20, 2022**
- **June 24, 2022?** (Forego July)
- **August 19, 2022**
- Question about when to meet at Temple Hills

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am