

Southwest Region Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order – Lori Fleming

Opening Prayer

Approve Agenda – Sophia Falke motion, Sandi Angotti second. Approved
Correction in date of 2016 Business Meeting. Move Alhambra to after Election.

President’s Report – Lori Fleming

Margee Grounds motion, Sharon Connors second. Approved
Lori shared her recap of the Board’s activity during 2016/2017 including participation on the Regional Advisory Council. She acknowledged 2017 Conference Planning team. Alternate Regional Representative position is open. The role does require training. Anyone interested see Lori.

Secretary’s Report: Karen Epps

Margee Grounds motion, Arlene Meyer second. Approved
Minutes from October 4, 2016 meeting were approved as presented

Treasurer’s Report – Kim O’Connor

Sharon Connors motion, Lei Lanni Burt second. Approved
Kim reviewed the Region finances 2016/2017. The region ended 2016 in the negative. She spoke to three contributing factors: 1) Expense increase due to expansion of consultants in Teen/Family department. 2) Decrease in tithes. 3) Youth events experienced unexpected drop in attendance and had to cancel/reschedule an event due to inclement weather. Current finances also show negative YTD. Kim spoke to changes in 2017; 1) Consultant role is condensed to one person resulting in decrease in salary expense that will be fully realized in Q4. 2) Tithing is down but we are expecting a ‘catch up’ check from one ministry. Combined we are hoping for a strong finish to the year.

By-Law Changes: Blair Tabor

Blair Tabor motion, Pat Wyman second. Approved
Blair reviewed proposed changes to the By-laws. With one clarifying question answered the changes were approved.

Election of Board Members – Lori Fleming

Blair Tabor motion, Sandy Angotti second. Approved
Lori reviewed the requirements for Board service. Two candidates: Arlene Meyer & Kathy McCall were presented. There were no nominations from the floor. Blair motioned to close nominations. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

Alhambra Foundation – Ken Harrison

Ken shared a recap of activity and grants awarded by the Foundation. He also reminded everyone about the core mission of Alhambra Foundation. Ken announced that after 14 years of service Debbie Tausch, Vickie Thompson & Karen Tang were retiring from the

Foundation Board. He introduced the new board members noting they wanted the Board to be representative of the Region.

Family Ministry Liaison Report – Lori Fleming

Margee Grounds motion, Jacquie Hardesty second. Approved

Lori spoke about the newly formed Youth & Family Ministry Council (YFMC). The Council supports the consultant and helps shape the activities.

- Angie Keyes Presentation
 - Angie reviewed 2017 youth event activity and trainings across the Region. She is excited about the possibilities for 2018.
- Next Generation Unity: Jeremy Jesberger
 - Jeremy shared about creating campus ministry at Chapman University where he attends classes. Also, there is a emerging group of young adults within Unity who are working together to create the NGU group “that is the one that will stick”

Regional Representative’s Report – Denese Schellink (by Lori Fleming)

Charli Tupper motion, Sandy Angotti second. Approved.

Denese is on vacation however Lori spoke about Leadership Development within our Region and distributed a questionnaire on possible 2018 events.

Judiciary Representative’s Report – Margee Grounds

Lei Lanni motion, Pat Wyman second. Approved

Margee reviewed highlights, changes and updates related to the judiciary process and the Ethics Review System. Those currently serving as Judiciary Representatives are receiving new training to enhance their skills and evolve their work.

Welcome LUT’S and LUT Report – Jacquie Hardesty

“It’s been a great year!” Jacquie introduced new LUT Susan Chambers from Unity of Phoenix. Welcome Susan!

Announcements:

- Malayna Dawn
 - Malayna gave an overview of the new Region website.
- Rev. Blair Tabor
 - Blair & Meredith presented \$850 tithe check to SW Region from their recent Danube River cruise.

2018 Conference will be held October 1-4 at La Quinta Embassy Suites

Closing Prayer – Cynthia

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Epps
2017 Secretary