

Midlands Mission Center
October 27, 2018 Conference Minutes
Held at the Highlands Community of Christ

Call to Order

The Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Mission Center President Team member, Donna Fletcher.

Presentation of Minutes

President Fletcher directed the Conference's attention to the minutes of October 21, 2017 and March 3, 2018.

Consideration of Priesthood Calls

The call for Jim Diddle to the office of Evangelist was moved by Mikal Shedd and seconded. Jim gave a short talk accepting his call and several others spoke supporting this call. A vote was called and taken to approve Jim Diddle's call to the office of Evangelist and it carried.

Reports from the Boards

Donna called attention to the Reports from CACH, HUD, Share, and Chihowa. Rollie Marolf presented the report from the Chihowa Board.

Mission Moment - "Developing Disciples to Serve"

The floor was relinquished to President Team Member, Don McLaughlin. Don gave a report on activities in the mission center focused on Developing Disciples to Serve.

Camp Dates

President Donna Fletcher took the floor and called attention to information on the 2019 camp dates.

World Conference Delegates

Midlands Mission Center is allowed 69 delegates for the 2019 World Conference.

A list (added to the end of the minutes) of 57 nominees for world conference delegate was presented to the conference. In addition, Rick and Nancy Van Hoose (Lenexa), Marvel Hansen (Lenexa), Greg Schieszer (Lenexa), Karen Birkby (Mission Road) and Beth Franklin (Topeka), were nominated from the floor.

Suspension of Conference

Conference business was suspended at 11:56 a.m. to reconvene after lunch.

Conference Called to Order

The Conference was reconvened at 1:35 P.M. by President Fletcher.

President Fletcher stated that in response to concerns stated in the pre-legislative discussion of the 2019 budget, the Mission Center Financial Officers and the Mission Center Presidents Team had decided that unrestricted monies left over from Historic Caravan would be reserved for the use of future caravans or other such events.

Election of Board Members

President Fletcher directed the conference to the document called "Midlands Mission Center 2018 Board Nominations." President Fletcher requested the conference review the nominations for each board and make additional nominations. Dave Hall nominated Daniel Hartford to fill the two year term on the Chihowa Board. President Fletcher declared the nominations accepted by acclamation. The following are the Mission Center Boards as they stand:

Central Avenue Center of Hope

Lois Viers – 12-31-2021

Ed Viers – 12-31-2021

Melissa Shields – 12-31-2021

Ed (Sunny) Day – 12-31-2021

Barbara Freund – 12-31-2019

Angie Ricketts – 12-31-2019
Kerry Lukenbill – 12-31-2020
Bill Wolfe – 12-31-2020
Terry Allen – 12-31-2020
Dave Hall – 12-31-2020
Kat Hnatyshyn – ex-officio

Chihowa Retreat Center

Dave Hall – 12-31-2019
Dale Cleland – 12-31-2019
Virgil Goodin – 12-31-2019
Steve Zahniser – 12-31-2020
Rollie Marolf – 12-31-2020
Daniel Hartford – 12-31-2020
Aaron Laughlin – 12-31-2021
Ruth VanFossen – 12-31-2021
Steve Campbell – 12-31-2021
Donna Fletcher – ex-officio
Emily Hidy – ex-officio

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Jim Weigand – 12-31-2019
Kerri Booth – 12-31-2019
Lehi German – 12-31-2020
Stan Troeh – 12-31-2021
Kerry Lukenbill – 12-31-2021
Steve Beckman – ex-officio
Donna Fletcher – ex-officio

Center Place Campground Incorporated – CPCI

Gary Libeer

Scott Hough – 12-31-2019

Randy Cole – 12-31-2020

Wim van Klinken – ex-officio

Kat Hnatyshyn – ex-officio

S.H.A.R.E. Inc

John Mueller 12-31-2019

Stan Troeh – 12-31-2020

Paul Wilson – 12-31-2021

Wim van Klinken – ex-officio

Don McLaughlin – ex-officio (thru 2018, successor yet to be named)

Mission Moment - “Invite People to Christ” – A video of the 2018 Historic Caravan, Middle School Camp, Junior Camp, Spec, IYF and Youth Quest was shown

Campground Committee

President Fletcher relinquished the floor to Emily Hidy who gave a report on behalf of the Campground Committee sharing the results of the survey that was taken by members and friends of Midlands Mission Center.

2017 Audits

President Fletcher took the floor to present the 2017 audit for Midlands Mission Center. Jim Diddle moved for the conference to accept the audit. It was seconded, and the conference voted to accept the audit report.

President Fletcher presented the 2017 audit for the Chihowa Retreat Center. Doug Albro moved to accept the audit. It was seconded, and the conference voted to accept the audit report.

President Fletcher presented the 2017 audit for Central Avenue Center of Hope. Larry Winters moved to accept the audit. It was seconded, and the conference voted to accept the audit report.

2019 Budget

President Fletcher relinquished the floor to President Hnatyshyn who presented the 2019 Midlands Mission Center budget. Doug Albro moved the budget be approved. It was seconded and approved as is.

President Hnatyshyn presented the 2019 budget for Chihowa Retreat Center . Mikal Shedd moved the budget be approved. It was seconded and approved as is.

President Hnatyshyn presented the 2019 budget for Central Avenue Center of Hope. Melissa Shields moved the budget be approved. It was seconded and approved as is.

President Hnatyshyn presented the 2019 budget for Center Place Campground Incorporated - CPCI. Aaron Laughlin moved the budget be approved. It was seconded and approved as is.

Mission Center Leadership

Apostle Janné Grover called attention to a letter from the First Presidency recommending that Donna Fletcher, Kat Hnatyshyn and Don McLaughlin serve as the Mission Center President Team, (Don McLaughlin to serve until 12-31-18), A replacement for Don McLaughlin will be presented at the spring conference. Stan Troeh moved Donna, Kat and Don be sustained. It was seconded and passed.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric recommending Kat Hnatyshyn, Wim van Klinken, Emily Hidy and Steve Beckman to serve as the Mission Center Financial Officer Team. Sharon Diddle moved Kat, Wim, Emily, and Steve be sustained. It was seconded and passed.

Apostle Grover presented Don McLaughlin to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister until 12-31-18. A new Invitation Support Minister will be presented at the Spring Conference. Jim Diddle moved Don to be sustained. It was seconded and passed.

Apostle Grover presented the following recommendations of the Midlands Mission Center Presidents Team:

Mission Center Counselors to the President Team:

Mary Gill (Olathe Congregation)
Allen Keehler (Highlands Congregation)
Stan Troeh (Bethel Congregation)

Mission Center Advisory Board

Sharon Diddle
Emily Hartford
Josh Huyett
Sally Roth
Ron Millard

Greg Schieszer
Sharon Spaans
Wade Wallace
Sarah Marolf

Jim Diddle moved that the Mission Center Counselors to the President's Team and the Mission Center Advisory Board be sustained as recommended. It was seconded and passed.

New Business

The floor was relinquished to Wim van Klinken who called for new business: Aaron Laughlin made the following motion and it received a second:

Whereas, the Midlands Mission Center sponsors youth programs annually and

Whereas, the funding of the youth programs come from two sources one from registrations and camperships and from time to time from specific contributions designated by the donor for a specific purpose or program.

Therefore, any funds raised from either registration fees or specific contributions for a specific purpose will be spent for the said purpose, and

Therefore, any surplus funds will be held for the specific purpose next time the program is operated.

Therefore, any proposed deviation from the specific purpose the funds were raised either through registration fees, camperships or specific donations will be voted upon by conference, before the funds are spent.

After discussion, Larry Birkby called the previous question. It was seconded and carried.

The vote was called and the motion failed with 32 in favor, 35 opposed.

Mission Moment – “Experience Congregations in Mission”

A video of the TWIST weekends was shown.

Ordination Service

After the singing of CCS #42, *As the Wind Song Through the Trees*, Apostle Janné Grover gave a charge to the ordinands and the ordinations were as follows:

Singing of verse 1 of CCS #582, *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Allen Keehler was ordained to the office of High Priest by Apostle Janné Grover and High Priest Kat Hnatyshyn.

Singing of verse 2 of CCS #582, *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Jim Diddle was ordained to the office of Evangelist by Apostle Janné Grover and Evangelist Kris Judd.

Singing of verse 3 & 4 of CCS #582, *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Adjournment

Following the Disciple's Generous Response offered by Steve Beckman, the singing of CCS #387 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*, and sending forth by Craig Hidy, the conference was adjourned .

Nominees for the 2019 World Conference

Adams, Stanton L (Osawatomie)	Lebeer, Mary (Highlands)
Adams, Virginia L (Osawatomie)	Lloyd, Sara H (Wichita Central)
Albro, Diane G (Webb Road)	Marolf, Beth A (Topeka)
Albro, Douglas C (Webb Road)	Marolf, Roland (Rollie) L (Topeka)
Baldwin, Wanetta J (El Dorado)	Matthes, Dakota M (Leavenworth)
Baldwin, William (El Dorado)	O'Neal, John J (Mission Road)
Bauman, Jennifer M (Olathe)	Paarman, Cammeo R (Bethel)
Berg, Leon D (Norton Heights)	Paradine, Marisa A N (Highlands)
Booth, Kerri L (Liberty)	Reine, Adrienne L (Mission Road)
Cady, Jeffery W (Bethel)	Reine, Clint A (Mission Road)
Cole, Patricia J (Liberty)	Roth, Sally A (Webb Road)
Cole, Randall L (Liberty)	Rushfelt, Debborah A (Mission Road)
Collins, Gary W (Liberty)	Russell, Jennifer (Webb Road)
de Zwart, J Robbert (Rob) (Highlands)	Seymour, Jane M (Norton Heights)
DeBarthe, Paul N (Shawnee Drive)	Shedd, Mikal J (Liberty)
DeLong, Karen S (Osawatomie)	Spaans, Sharon L (Wichita Central)
Diddle, James A (Liberty)	Thatcher, Vickie L (Highlands)
Diddle, Sharon L (Liberty)	Tiffany, Cheron B (Olathe)
Fletcher, Donna M (Webb Road)	Troeh, Stanley (Stan) F (Bethel)
Gill, Mary A (Olathe)	van Klinken, Willem (Wim) F (Liberty)
Goble, Darren L (Norton Heights)	Winters, Karen B (Olathe)
Gunn, Wanda (Wendy) J (Highlands)	Winters, Larry A (Olathe)
Guthrie, Diana W (Webb Road)	Woosley, David E (Lawrence)
Guthrie, Richard A (Webb Road)	
Hall, David M (Shawnee Drive)	
Hnatyshyn, Kathleen E (Shawnee Drive)	
Joyce, Kyle L (Bethel)	

Judd, Kristin D (Norton Heights)

Judd, Peter A (Norton Heights)

Kaercher, Linda E (Highlands)

Keebler, Allen F (Highlands)

Kerr, Robert E (Osawatomie)

Kuttler, Kennetha E (Mission Road)

Lebeer, Gary D (Highlands)