

Midlands Mission Center
March 16, 2019 Spring Conference Minutes
Held at the Mission Road Community of Christ

Call to Order

The Midlands Mission Center Spring Conference was called to order at 2:30 P.M. on March 16, by Mission Center President Team member, Donna Fletcher.

Minutes of Fall Conference

President Fletcher noted that because this conference was called to attend to specific business, the Fall 2018 conference minutes will be presented in printed form at the 2019 Fall conference.

The floor was turned over to President Kat Hnatyshyn.

CPCI Resolution

Kat Hnatyshyn called on Gary Libeer to present a resolution. Gary presented and moved the resolution for the CPCI loan request (attached). It was seconded. A note of clarification was added that because this is a resolution shared by two mission centers, it is not amendable and must be a yes or no vote. The funds for this will come from the Midlands Mission Center checking account and not from the API fund. Gary spoke to the anticipated repairs. The resolution carried.

Peace and Justice Grants

Kat Hnatyshyn called on Emily Hidy to present a resolution. Emily presented and moved the resolution on Peace and Justice Grants (attached) which was seconded. Funds (\$5,000.00) are already in the budget and this resolution creates a committee to manage the funds and provides a way for them to be accessed.

Stan Troeh moved that the resolution be amended so that in the fourth resolved "Mission Center Council" be replaced with "Mission Center Advisory Council" and that in the last resolved "Mission Center Council" be replaced with "Mission Center Grants Committee".

The amendment was seconded and carried. The resolution carried as amended.

Mission Center Invitation Support Minister

Apostle Janné Grover read a letter recommending Craig Hidy to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister and moved to sustain Craig in this role. The motion was seconded and carried.

Music ministry was presented by Ruth May Van Fossen and Dorothy May

Setting Apart

Craig Hidy was set apart as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister by Apostle Janné Grover and Seventy Donna Fletcher.

Kat Hnatyshyn adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M. with the singing of *We Are Pilgrims on a Journey*, CCS 550.

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson

Attachment 1

CPCI Loan Request

Whereas, the CPCI board requested a loan from Midlands and Central Mission Centers totaling \$90,000 to repair the Doniphan pool, with a repayment of 10 years, the first two interest free and the remaining eight at 2.5% based on the balance at the end of two years, and that the loan will be split 15% from Midlands and 85% from Central Mission Centers based on ownership interest; and

Whereas, the CPCI board has agreed to direct a significant fundraising effort to pay off the loan, if possible through fundraising, within two years; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Midlands Mission Center loan \$13,500 to Center Place Campground, Inc. in support of repairing the Doniphan pool for no longer than 10 years with an 2.5% annual interest percentage, which will not be charged the first two years.

Attachment 2

Resolution Authorizing Funding for Mission Peace:

Midlands Mission Center New Peace Initiatives Ministries

Whereas the Community of Christ is committed to carrying out the cause of God's peaceable kingdom in the world, including promoting community and proclaiming Jesus Christ; and

Whereas Article VI, Section 1 of the World Church Bylaws, describing the roles and responsibilities of Mission Centers, designates Mission Centers as responsible for financial resource development and support for specialized ministries; and

Whereas the Mission Center Operating Budget serves in part as a resource for financial resource development and support for specialized ministries; and

Whereas tangible mission center and congregational specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth, one of the church's five mission initiatives, are underrepresented; and

Whereas at present there is no local mechanism in place to direct applications or process proposals to access small seed grants for specialized ministries supported by Mission Center funds, technical assistance and oversight; and

Whereas existing congregations may benefit from financial and conceptual assistance in undertaking new specialized ministries to answer local needs; and

Whereas a well understood, consistent process for objective evaluation of grant proposals may encourage congregations to envision new programs to further the Pursue Peace on Earth mission initiative with the help of startup financial support from the Mission Center; therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Midlands (USA) Mission Center (hereafter referred to as "Mission Center") clarify opportunities available for financial assistance for new specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth within the Mission Center; and be it further

Resolved, that the Mission Center activate a process by which World Church officers or Mission Center leadership, congregations or members can submit proposals for programs within our jurisdiction and apply for funding of new specialized ministries; and be it further

Resolved, that the Mission Center allocate in its annual Operating Budget financial support for the purpose of qualified new specialized ministries concerning Pursue Peace on Earth; and be it further

Resolved, that a Midlands Mission Center Grants Committee be created and empowered for the sole purpose of establishing guidelines, evaluating and granting proposals received. This committee will be composed of two representatives of the Mission Center President Team, two representatives of the Mission Center Financial Officer Team, the Mission Center Invitational Support Minister; and members from within the Mission Center as appointed by the Mission Center President Team: to include two members of the Mission Center Advisory Council, one member of the Quorum of Seventy, and one member at large; and be it further

Resolved, that this Committee report its activities annually to the Mission Center Conference; and be it further

Resolved, that this application and granting process and the granting funds be made available beginning in 2019; and be it further

Resolved, that an evaluation of the effectiveness of this process and the success of the resulting new specialized ministries be made by the Mission Center Grants Committee within five years, with a report to the Mission Center Conference.