

MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE MINUTES

November 15, 2008

Approved by the April 18, 2009 Conference

The morning session opened with a call to worship reading of Danny Belrose's "Opportunity" and prayer by Don McLaughlin. After singing two hymns (Hymns of the Saints #409 - *Touch Me, Lord, with Thy Spirit Eternal* and Sing for Peace #31 - *Lord Jesus, of You I Will Sing*), those gathered dispersed to classes and meetings. Those in attendance met for classes (Registered Youth Workers or A Witnessing Community) and meetings (Pastors and CFOs) from 10:15am until 12:00noon. Lunch was served by leaders of the Highlands Carpenter Kids Youth Group and some Carpenters Kids. They raised a total of \$386.00 for the youth group.

The afternoon session began with a call to worship from Psalms (105:1-3) read by Midlands Mission Center President, Sue Phipps. The congregation sang *Great God, Attend While Zion Sings*, #59 from Hymns of the Saints and invocation was given by Don Bice. Special guests Lauren Hall and Jan Kraybill made a presentation to raise interest in the gathering of hymns for a new hymnal due to be published in 2013. A variety of music was shared and introduced with the help of Mary Gill and the presenters.

Following a break from 2:00pm to 2:15pm the official business meeting was called to order at approximately 2:16pm.

The minutes from the April 12, 2008 conference were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as written on pages six through eight of the conference bulletin was given by Helen Thomas and seconded by Michael Windes. Minutes were approved by a show of hands.

Conference Chair was turned over to Stan Troeh for the Sustaining of Midlands Mission Center Officers. Motion to sustain Sue Phipps as Midlands Mission Center President was made by Bruce Rider and seconded by John Studdard. Letter of recommendation for Sue Phipps from International headquarters was read by Stan Troeh. Sue Phipps was sustained as Midlands Mission Center President by vocal vote of 'Aye'. Motion to sustain Mikal Shedd as Midlands Mission Center Financial Officer was made by Gary Collins and seconded by Jim Diddle. Letter of recommendation for Mikal Shedd from International headquarters was read by Stan Troeh. Mikal Shedd was sustained as Midlands Mission Center Financial Officer by show of hands.

Explanation of the Chihowa Board openings was given by Sue Phipps. Sue also introduced the Chihowa Retreat Center's New Resident Manager, Mark Nelson to the conference. Sue then introduced the newest Midlands Mission Center Youth Minister, Becky Kester and asked other MMC Youth Ministers present to stand. Explanation of the openings was given by Sue Phipps and voting ballots were distributed and collected. Sharon Spaans and Diane Albro were asked to tally the ballots to allow for results to be given later in the conference.

Offertory statement was shared by Richard Rupe using scripture references from I Kings, chapters 16 and 17. Ushers came forward, prayer was given and offerings collected to help offset the cost of conference.

Sue Phipps made a special presentation to Joel M. Loving for completion of the church's MEADs (Ministerial Educational And Development) program. MEADs is a twelve-course certificate program designed to empower participants for ministry. The courses offer a concentrated study of foundational theology, church history, scripture, and practical ministry formation.

Next, the conference addressed the calls to the office of High Priest for Lloyd Barnett, Richard Rupe and Jim Diddle. Motion to support the call of Lloyd Barnett to High Priest was made by Stan Troeh and seconded by Bill Vickery. Following the reading of a letter of support from Sue Phipps, Lloyd and others spoke to the call. Motion was accepted by a show of hands. Motion to support the call of Richard Rupe to High Priest was made by Don Bice and seconded by Joel Loving. Following the reading of a letter of support from Sue Phipps, Richard and others spoke to the call. Motion was accepted by a show of hands. Motion to support the call of Jim Diddle to High Priest was made by Bruce Rider and seconded by Richard Rupe. Following the reading of a letter of support from Sue Phipps, Jim and others spoke to the call. Motion was accepted by a show of hands.

The congregation then sang *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (Hymns of the Saints #147).

Chair was turned over to the Financial Leadership team to present the 2009 budget. Greg Stollsteimer presented last year's World Church Investment Pool (IP) account activity in relationship to the current market fluctuations and changes in the economic climate. Mikal Shedd then accepted a motion to approved the 2009 budget from Ken Swails, seconded by John Studdard. Mikal Shedd then addressed the 2009 Budget printed in the conference bulletin on pages 11 and 12, a section at a time and answered the questions presented. NOTE: *During the question period, question was raised regarding the HUD properties and request for financial information (Audits) on the properties be made available at the next conference and those following.* Mikal also addressed any questions regarding the Chihowa Retreat Center 2009 Budget (pg 13) and the Central Avenue Center of Hope 2009 Budget (pg 14). Mikal then turned the floor back to Midlands Mission Center President, Sue Phipps to call for vote. Motion to accept the Midlands Mission Center 2009 Budget passed by show of hands (**ATTACHMENT A**).

Sue Phipps asked for any new business. Seeing none she, drew the conference's attention to several announcements concerning Mission Center activities and schedules. Motion to adjourn was made by Avanelle Mercer and seconded by Scott Blair. Conference adjourned at approximately 4:10pm. The gathered congregation sang *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, #493 Hymns of the Saints and dispersed following a benediction by Sharon Spaans.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Weigand-Vaughan

ATTACHMENT A Midlands Mission Center Budget - 2009

RECEIPTS

001/41000	Congregational Pledges	136,030.00
001/42000	Contributions	9,930.00
001/43000	Transfers - Mission	61,500.00
001/44000	Other Income	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		207,460.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration

001/52010	Equipment Maintenance	1,607.00
001/52020	Insurance	1,168.00
001/52025	Mileage	1,009.00
001/52030	Office Expenses	1,493.00
001/52031	Moving Expenses	3,003.00
001/52035	Office Supplies	1,760.00
001/52040	Postage & Meter	3,200.00
001/52044	Miscellaneous Taxes	0.00
001/52045	Bank Charges	383.00
001/52050	Copier	4,400.00
001/52060	Professional Fees	900.00
001/52065	Licensing	600.00
001/52070	Rent	5,000.00
001/52080	Telephone	4,000.00
Total Administration		28,523.00

Human Resources

001/53010	Office Staff Salaries	74,347.00
001/53011	Office Staff Benefit	12,742.00
001/53012	Office Staff Payroll	0.00
001/53013	Employers Tax	6,061.00
001/53020	Field Ministers	56,100.00
Total Human Resources		149,250.00

Program Ministries

Communications Ministries

001/54010	Monthly Bulletins & Newsletters	2,200.00
001/54020	Directories and Calendars	500.00
001/54030	Officers Cell Phones	1,462.00
001/54090	Communications Expense	78.00
Total Communications Ministries		4,240.00

Leadership Ministries

001/54110	Registered Youth Worship	1,100.00
001/54120	Books and Subscriptions	0.00
001/54130	Leadership Training	0.00
001/54190	Leadership Expenses	500.00
Total Leadership Ministries		1,600.00

Outreach Ministries

001/54210	Field Cell Phones	2,139.00
001/54220	Field Ministerial Expenses	868.00
001/54230	Promotional Costs	0.00
001/54240	The Place	1,200.00
001/54250	Young Adult Ministries	200.00
001/54290	Outreach Expenses	40.00
Total Outreach Ministries		4,447.00

Youth Ministries

001/54310	Long Distance Phone	0.00
001/54320	Travel Expenses	3,200.00
001/54325	Youth Ministries Travel	1,200.00
001/54330	Equipment Maintenance	0.00
001/54340	Equipment & Vehicle Expense	1,000.00
001/54350	Small Equipment Purchases	0.00
001/54390	Youth Ministry Network	14,000.00
Total Youth Ministries		19,400.00

Total Program Ministries 39,687.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 207,460.00

NET RECEIPTS 0.00