

MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER
Proposed CONFERENCE MINUTES
Chihowa Retreat Center – November 14, 2009

Sue Phipps, Midlands Mission Center President, called the business meeting to order at 1:42pm following the singing of *Gather Us In* from the Sing for Peace hymnal, invocation by Don McLaughlin and World Church greetings from Apostle Dale Luffman. John Studdard made a motion to approve the November 15, 2009 minutes, as printed. Diana Guthrie seconded. The minutes were approved as printed.

Sue Phipps then turned the conference floor over to Apostle Dale Luffman for sustaining of Sue Phipps as Midlands Mission Center President/Financial Officer. Apostle Luffman read the letter from the First Presidency in support of Sue Phipps (printed on pg 16 of the conference bulletin). Ken Swails made a motion to sustain and it was seconded. The conference passed the motion to sustain Sue Phipps as Midlands Mission Center President/Financial Officer.

Sue Phipps then regained the floor from Apostle Dale Luffman for sustaining of the Midlands Mission Center Leadership Team. Sue read a letter to the conference in support of the leadership team as: Stan Troeh, Don Bice, Greg Stollsteimer and Mikal Shedd (printed on pg 17 of the conference bulletin). Jim Diddle made a motion to sustain and it was seconded. The motion to sustain the Midlands Mission Center Leadership team of Stan Troeh, Don Bice, Greg Stollsteimer and Mikal Shedd passed.

The conference then turned to the approval of board members for Doniphan and Chihowa (pg 20 of the conference Bulletin). Sue asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for the Doniphan Board position. There were none. Don Bice moved to approve the nomination of Richard Rupe to the Doniphan Board. It was seconded. Conference approved Richard Rupe as representative of the Midlands Mission Center to the Doniphan Board for a term of three years.

Chihowa Board Election was done by ballot. Those on the ballot were Jim Diddle, Doug Norris, Tim Sullivan and John Studdard. Results will be sent to the Chihowa Board.

World Conference Delegate ballots were distributed. Several names were added to the ballot from the floor. Results will be announced in the December Midlands Mission Center bulletin and posted on the Midlands Mission Center website at www.midlandsmc.org/news.

The conference then witnessed the setting apart of Sue Phipps and Mikal Shedd. Sue Phipps was set apart as Midlands Mission Center Financial Officer by Apostle Dale Luffman and High Priest Greg Stollsteimer. Mikal Shedd was set apart as Counselor to the Mission Center Financial Officer by High Priests Sue Phipps and Stan Troeh. Following the setting apart of Mikal Shedd the gathered conference sang *Lord, I Give You* from the Sing a New Song hymnal.

Three priesthood calls were presented to the conference: Gary and Ramona Collins to the office of Evangelist and Joel Loving to the office of High Priest. Time was given for affirmations of the calls. Motion was made by John Studdard to approve the calls, seconded by Virginia Adams. Each call was voted on individually and all were approved.

The 2009 Peace Award was presented to Laura J. Huyett. Information was printed on Laura Huyett and the Peace Award on page 21 of the conference bulletin.

The conference also recognized those persons who were stepping down from congregational leadership as Pastors and/or Financial Officers

Offertory message was given by Don Bice and offerings were collected after offertory prayer.

After a short break the congregation sang *Seek Ye First* from the Sing a New Song hymnal.

Sue turned the floor over to Clint Reine for a presentation about 2010 Historic Caravan planned for the Midlands Mission Center Senior High the following summer.

Clint Reine turned the floor over to Sue Phipps to address a resolution from Webb Road, Midlands Mission Center Annual Contribution to Outreach International (page 9 in the conference bulletin). Sue read the resolution, corrected for a typographical error in the first resolve (changes \$1,000 that was printed to \$2,000 which is the current actual annual donation). Gary Collins moved the motion and was seconded. Doug Albro spoke to the resolution. The conference voted and the resolution passed as corrected (**Attachment A**) .

Next, the conference turned to the resolutions involving the financial needs for the Chihowa Camp Ground. First Sue read the motion from the Chihowa Board A2-Financial Need for Chihowa Campground (page 10 in the conference bulletin). Clint Reine moved and John Studdard seconded. Sue then read the Substitute to the Financial Need for Chihowa Campground Motion (page 10 in the conference bulletin) from the Midlands Mission Center Leadership Team. Stan Troeh moved the substitute motion and Bill Horner seconded. Stan Troeh and John Studdard spoke to the motion. Aaron Laughlin moved to amend the substitute motion, changing the \$40,000 in the second resolve to \$85,000. There was no second. The amendment failed. Conference voted and passed the Substitute to Financial Need for Chihowa Campground (**Attachment B**) .

Sue Phipps turned the floor over to Greg Stollsteimer to address and explain the 2010 Proposed Budget and the Midlands Mission Center Reserve accounts. The proposed budget was moved by Stan Troeh and seconded by Jim Diddle. Budget carried by a show of hands.

Greg Stollsteimer returned the floor to Sue Phipps who asked if there was any other business for the conference to address. Pat Cole presented the Right to Water resolution to the conference. Pat Cole moved and it was seconded by Gary Collins. After some discussion Velton Peabody moved to strike the second resolve of the motion, which involved the World Council of Churches, and it was seconded. The previous question was called by Gary Collins and it was seconded. The vote was taken on the previous question and it passed. The vote was then taken on the motion to strike the second resolve. It passed. There was a motion from the floor to substitute/amend the second resolution. Motion was ruled out of order since the resolve was previously stricken from the resolution. Nancy Van Hoose moved the previous question; Aaron Laughlin seconded. The vote to see if the conference was ready to vote on the remainder of the Right to Water resolution was taken and passed. The conference then voted on the Right to Water resolution and the resolution failed.

Sue Phipps asked the conference for any additional business or announcements. With none, the congregation sang *Lord Jesus, of You I Will Sing* from the Sing for Peace hymnal and benediction by Richard Rupe. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Weigand-Vaughan

Attachment A

Midlands Mission Center Annual Contribution to Outreach International

From the Webb Road Congregation, Wichita KS

Be it Resolved, that legislation requiring annual Midlands Mission Center funding, in the amount of \$2,000, to Outreach International, including its provision that this funding be directed from the Midlands Mission Center Reserve funds, be RESCINDED, and be it further

Resolved, that future Midlands Mission Center contributions to Outreach International be at the discretion of the Midlands Mission Center President/Midlands Mission Center Financial Officer to place a line item within the annual budget, subject to Midlands Mission Center conference approval, when financial conditions within Midlands Mission Center would support its continuation.

Attachment B

Substitute to Financial Need for Chihowa Campground Motion

From Mission Center Leadership Team

Be it Resolved, that the mission center will provide leadership to initiate a visioning, planning and capital campaign process, and be it further

Resolved, that the mission center authorize a loan for further expenditures from mission center reserves up to the amount of \$40,000 for the calendar year of 2010 for immediate repairs in order that the campgrounds be open.