

Midlands Mission Center
October 18, 2020 Conference Minutes
Held Via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order by mission center president team member, Kat Hnatyshyn.

Consideration of Priesthood Calls

Kat stated that our first order of business would be the consideration of two world church priesthood calls. Due to time restraints, we will not have the opportunity for individuals to share their testimony, but everyone is encouraged to personally share their testimony with the candidates.

Stan Troeh moved that the call of Ron Bogue (Liberty) to the office of High Priest be approved. The motion was seconded by Sharon Diddle and Ron shared his testimony. The call was approved unanimously by remote voting.

Sharon Spaans moved that the call of June Johnson (Olathe) to the office of High Priest – Evangelist be approved. The motion was seconded by Mark Binns. June shared her testimony. The call was approved unanimously by remote voting.

On behalf of the Midlands Mission Center, Kat expressed gratitude to each of the candidates and their willingness to say “Yes” to God’s call to serve.

Mission Center Leadership

The floor was turned over to Apostle Janné Grover who called attention to a letter from the First Presidency recommending that Kat Hnatyshyn (Chair), Allen Keehler, Stan Troeh and Sharon Spaans be sustained as the Mission Center President Team for the year 2021. Jim Diddle moved that this recommendation be approved, it was seconded by Haumana Johannsen and passed by remote vote.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric recommending Wim van Klinken (Chair), Emily Hidy, Steve Beckman and Kristine Shipley to serve as the Mission Center Financial Officer Team for the year 2021. Bruce Rider moved that this recommendation be approved, it was seconded by Wayne Day and passed by remote vote.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from herself in support of Craig Hidy to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the year 2021. Dave Hall moved that Craig be sustained. It was seconded by Paul Bennetts and passed by remote vote.

The floor was returned to Kat Hnatyshyn who called attention to a letter from herself recommending a Mission Center Leadership Advisory Council of Sharon Diddle, Josh

Huyett, Greg Schieszer, Sarah Marolf, Emily Hartford, Sally Roth, Virginia Adams and Ron Millard. Haumana Johannsen moved that this leadership advisory council be sustained. It was seconded by Cyndy Huyett and passed by remote vote.

Suspension of Business

Business was suspended at 10:48 a.m. followed by a worship service.

Afternoon Session:

Prior to the conference being reconvened, the leadership team shared their vision for the coming year.

It was reported that Bridge of Hope set a goal to raise \$120million by January, 2024. To date \$76million has been raised, leaving \$44million to be raised in the next three years.

Overviews were given for the Midlands Mission Center, Center of Hope, Chihowa and CPCI (Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center) budgets.

Conference Reconvened

The Conference was reconvened at 3:30 P.M. by president team member, Allen Keehler to consider the 2021 Midlands Mission Center budgets and a resolution concerning expected 2020 operating surplus.

2021 Budgets

Midlands Mission Center

On behalf of the Midlands Mission Center financial officer's team, Wim van Klinken moved that the proposed budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$165,000 be approved. The chair stated that because the motion was made by a team there is no need for a second. Discussion was called for, there was none. The budget was approved by remote vote.

Central Avenue Center of Hope

On behalf of the Central Avenue Center of Hope Board, Terry Allen moved that the proposed budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$62,700 be approved. The chair stated that because the motion was made by a team there is no need for a second. Discussion was called for, there was none. The budget was approved by remote vote.

Chihowa Retreat Center

On behalf of the Chihowa Retreat Center Board Emily Hidy moved that the proposed budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$115,900 be approved. The chair stated that because the motion was made by a team there is no need for a second. Discussion was called for, there was none. The budget was approved by remote vote.

Center Place Campgrounds, Inc. (Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center)

The Chair stated that this motion is different than the previous budgets. Since the CPCI or Doniphan budget is shared with the Central Mission Center, no amendments can be considered. The vote for this budget is to approve or not approve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CPCI, Wim van Klinken moved that the proposed budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$439,040 be approved. The chair stated that because the motion was made by a team there is no need for a second. Discussion was called for, and after some discussion, the budget was approved by remote vote.

Mission Center 2020 Surplus Proposal

On behalf of the Midlands Mission Center financial officer team and the presidents team, Kristine Shipley moved that the Mission Center 2020 Surplus Proposal (attached) be approved as printed in the conference bulletin. The chair stated that because the motion was made by a team there is no need a second. Discussion was called for, Bill Baldwin asked if there was a chance of hiring someone to fill those positions later this year, which would cut down the amount of the surplus. Wim van Klinken answered that it was a possibility that we would hire a communications specialist in December but that we would not be hiring a Young Adult Minister or Youth Minister until next year. The budget was approved by remote vote.

Adjournment

The conference was adjourned by president team member, Allen Keehler at 4:04 p.m. followed by the hymn, *We Are One in the Spirit*, and a prayer by Barbara Borkowski

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson

Mission Center 2020 Surplus Proposal

Whereas, the Midlands Mission Center has not been successful to hire a full-time or part-time Young Adult Minister nor a Social Media Specialist in 2020, Midlands Mission Center is expecting to have an operating surplus of at least \$40,000 and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has limited Chihowa and Lake Doniphan's rental income, resulting in significant losses this year and

Whereas, Community of Christ mission centers and congregations are asked to contribute to the Bridge of Hope fund of World Church to finance its retirement obligations, be it

Resolved, the Midlands Mission Center from it's operating budget donates \$20,000 to Chihowa, \$10,000 to Lake Doniphan and \$10,000 to Bridge of Hope this year.