Midlands Mission Center

October 27, 2019 Conference Minutes

Held at Olathe Community of Christ

**Call to Order**

The Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order at 3:14 P.M. by Mission Center President Team member, Donna Fletcher.

**Presentation of the CACH paper drive trophy**

Kerry Lukenbill presented the participants and winners of the Central Avenue Center of Hope annual paper drive. 150,000 pieces were collected with the trophy presented to the Excelsior Springs congregation, second place to the Bethel congregation and third place to the Liberty congregation. Other congregations that participated were: Highlands, Webb Road, Osawatomie, Shawnee Drive, Olathe, Mission Road, Lenexa, Leavenworth and Bonner Springs.

**Conference Minutes**

President, Donna Fletcher announced the minutes of the October 27, 2018 and March 16, 2019 business meetings are not in the conference bulletin but are available on the Mission Center web site. The minutes for both meetings were approved by the advisory council.

**Consideration of Priesthood Calls**

The following priesthood calls were presented:

Doug Albro from the Webb Road congregation to the office of Evangelist. Bill Baldwin moved to approve this call. It was seconded and approved.

Paul Bennetts from the Mission Road congregation to the office of Evangelist. John O’Neal moved to approve this call. It was seconded and approved.

Tim Klocko from the Olathe congregation to the office of High Priest. Stan Troeh moved to approve this call. It was seconded and approved.

**2020 Midland Mission Center Board Elections**

Chihowa Board: The terms of Dave Hall, Virgil Goodin and Dale Cleland expire this year. The board nominated Dave Hall, Virgil Goodin and Guy Hedrick for terms to expire 12/31/2022. The board also nominated Dale Cleland for a term to expire 12/31/2020 to fill Rollie Marolf’s term. There were no other nominations. All nominations were approved.

CACH Board: The terms of Barbara Freund and Angie Ricketts expire this year. The board nominated Barbara Freund and Angie Ricketts for terms to expire 12/31/2022. The board also nominated Rachael Shoffstall for a term to expire 12/31/2021 to fill the remainder of Ed (Sunny) Day’s term of 2 years. There were no other nominations. All nominations were approved.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Board: The terms of Kerri Booth and Jim Weigand expire this year. The board nominated Kerri Booth and Jim Weigand for terms to expire 12/31/2022. The board also nominated Mikal Shedd for a term to expire 12/31/2021 to fill the remainder of Stan Troeh’s term of 2 years. There were no other nominations. All nominations were approved.

CPCI - Center Place Campground Inc.: Midlands Mission Center has one vacancy for a 3 year term on the CPCI Board. There were no nominations or volunteers for this position.

SHARE, Inc.: John Mueller (3 year term, 2020-2022), Paul Wilson (2 year term, 2019-2021) and Aaron Laughlin (Projects/Partner – MITIOG) were nominated & elected by the SHARE Board and sustained by this conference. The Board has one unfilled term ending 2020 and two open seats Term ending 2021 and Term ending 2022. There were no volunteers or nominations for these positions.

The floor was turned over to President Team Member Kat Hnatyshyn who presented the 2018 Audits for the Chihowa Board, Central Avenue Center of Hope Board, HUD Board, CPCI (Doniphan) Board and SHARE, Inc. George Robertson moved to approve all audits. It was seconded and approved.

Steve Beckman took the floor to report on the Bridge of Hope Fund created to fulfill World Church retirement obligations.

Apostle Janné Grover took the floor and brought greetings from the First Presidency and Central Mission Field Leadership Team and expressed gratitude to the leaders of Midlands Mission Center and to the body. Apostle Grover explained that Midlands Mission Center is transitioning to a new leadership model. Whereas in the past we have had a fully funded position and a part-time position funded, we will be moving to a volunteer and bi-vocational team model.

**Suspension of Business**

Business was suspended at 3:55 p.m. giving the members of the new Leadership Team an opportunity to share their vision for the Mission Center and for the conference to ask any questions they may have.

**Conference Reconvened**

The Conference was reconvened at 4:28 P.M. by President Donna Fletcher and the floor was returned to Apostle Janné Grover. Apostle Grover expressed appreciation for the many years of work and dedication by Mission Center President, Donna Fletcher, who will be retiring at the end of the year. The conference expressed their gratitude by standing and applause.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from K. Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency supporting Kat Hnatyshyn, Allen Keehler, Stan Troeh and Sharon Spaans, to serve as the Mission Center President Team, to be chaired by Kat Hnatyshyn.

A motion to support this President Team was called for and made by Jim Diddle and seconded. It carried unanimously.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from K. Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency and Stassi Cramm, Presiding Bishop, supporting Wim van Klinken, Steve Beckman, Emily Hidy and Kristine Shipley to serve as Mission Center Financial Officer Team, to be chaired by Wim van Klinken.

A motion to support this Financial Officer Team was called for and made by Sharon Diddle and seconded. It carried unanimously. As Kristine Shipley was not able to be with us today, The Mission Center Financial Officer Team will be set apart at the 2020 Spring Conference.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from herself in support of Craig Hidy continuing in the role of Mission Center Invitation Support Minister.

A motion to support Craig Hidy in this role was made by Bill Baldwin and seconded. It carried unanimously.

The chair was turned over to President Donna Fletcher.

A motion was made by Diane Albro to sustain the following people to the Mission Leadership Council: Sharon Diddle, Josh Huyett, Greg Schieszer, Virginia Adams, Sarah Marolf, Sally Roth, Emily Hartford and Ron Millard. The motion was seconded and carried.

The chair was turned over to President Kat Hnatyshyn.

A motion was made by Gary Collins to approve the proposed 2020 Midlands Mission Center Budget. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Steve Campbell to approve the proposed 2020 Chihowa Budget. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Clint Reine to approve the proposed 2020 Central Avenue Center of Hope Budget. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Doug Albro to accept the proposed 2020 CCPI (Doniphan Campgrounds) Budget. It was seconded and carried.

The chair, President Hnatyshyn, called on President Donna Fletcher who moved, receiving a second and spoke to the following motion:

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**2019 Bridge of Hope Donation**

**Proposed Resolution**

Whereas, the Midlands Mission Center has been blessed by the ministry offered by word church employees; and

Whereas, world church currently does not have enough funds to fulfill its retirement obligations and has initiated a Bridge of Hope campaign to fund the deficit; and

Whereas, many mission centers and congregations, including Midlands Mission Center, have adequate cash reserves; and

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center expects an operational surplus of at least $30,000 for fiscal year 2019, be it

Resolved, Midlands Mission Center contributes $30,000.00 to Bridge of Hope in 2019.

The above motion carried.

The floor was relinquished to Wim van Klinken who called for new business – There was none.

**Adjournment of Business Meeting** at 4:45 p.m. with ordination service following.

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson