

Midlands Mission Center
October 15, 2023 Conference Minutes
Held Via Zoom and in person
Mission Road Congregation at 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order by mission center president team member, Kat Hnatyshyn. Sharon Robertson has agreed to serve as secretary. Minutes of the previous business meeting, October 16, 2022, are available on the MMC website and were approved by the Leadership Advisory Council.

Priesthood Call

Kat Hnatyshyn called for a motion to approve the call of Sharon Spaans to serve in the office of Evangelist. The motion was made by Paul DeBarthe and it was seconded. Sharon shared a brief testimony of acceptance of the call. Statements of support were given by Sue Phipps, Kat Hnatyshyn and Dave Hall. The vote was taken and the call of Sharon Spaans to the office of Evangelist was approved.

Mission Center Leadership

The floor was turned over to Apostle Janné Grover for consideration of mission center leadership team for 2024. Apostle Grover brought greetings on behalf of the Central USA mission field leadership team and on behalf of the first presidency. She also extended, on behalf of President Veazey and his family, gratitude for prayerful support for him and his family during this time.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from President Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency, authorizing the sustaining of Kat Hnatyshyn (Chair), Allen Keehler, and Stan Troeh to serve as the Mission Center President Team for the year 2024. Haumana Johannsen of the Shawnee Drive congregation moved that this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter written by Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency and Ron Harmon on behalf of the Presiding Bishopric recommending the sustaining of Steve Beckman (Chair), Emily Hidy, and Kristine Shipley to serve as the Mission Center Financial Officer Team for the year 2024. Gary Collins of the Liberty congregation moved this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from herself recommending that Dave Hall be sustained to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the year 2024 and called for a motion to that effect. The motion was made by John O'Neal of the Mission Road congregation. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands in person and via Zoom. Janné extended gratitude to Craig Hidy for serving as the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the past several years.

The floor was returned to Kat Hnatyshyn who called attention to a letter from herself recommending a Mission Center Leadership Advisory Council of Virginia Adams, Sharon Diddle, Josh Huyett, Emily Hartford, Ron Millard, Sarah Marolf and Sally Roth. Roxann Kosmicki of the Mission Road congregation moved that the leadership advisory council, as presented in the letter, be sustained. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Business meeting suspended for a pre-legislative session.

Business meeting reconvened.

After the pre-legislative session and a break, the MMC business meeting was reconvened by MMC president team member, Allen Keehler. Sharon Robertson will continue to serve as secretary. A reminder that the meeting is being recorded.

Budgets:

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Midlands Mission Center be approved. Haumana Johannsen of the Shawnee Drive congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Central Avenue Center of Hope be approved. Stanton Adams of the Olathe congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Resolved that the proposed 2024 budget for Chihowa Retreat Center be approved. Rollie Marolf of the Topeka congregation moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Bridge of Hope

Whereas, Community of Christ is called to be fully engaged in the mission of Jesus Christ around the world, and

Whereas, the Presiding Bishopric has asked congregations and mission centers to consider supporting the Bridge of Hope project, and

Whereas, Midlands Mission Center has been giving to Bridge of Hope since 2020 and

Whereas, 2023 is the final year of giving to Bridge of Hope Retirement Fund therefore, be it

Resolved, that Midlands Mission Center gift the minimum balance of \$60,924.12 from the Midlands Mission Center AIP Pool A Account before December 15, 2023 to the Bridge of Hope.

The Motion was moved by Ramona Collins of the Liberty congregation and was seconded.

Jane Landrum of the Mission Road congregation moved that the resolution be amended to read “**Resolved**, that Midlands Mission Center gift the *remaining* minimum balance of \$60,924.12 from the Midlands Mission Center AIP Pool A Account before December 15, 2023 to the Bridge of Hope”. The amendment was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

A vote was held on the amended resolution and it carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Affiliate Board Seats

Allen called for a motion to approve the following affiliate board seats in one group:

Chihowa Retreat Center	HUD – Prairie Development and Westward Development
3-year terms	3-year term
Doug Norris	Lehi German
Doug Ferguson	
Steve Zahniser	

Central Avenue Center of Hope	SHARE, inc.
3-year terms	Fill open seat Dec '22-2024)
Chris Lackey	Keegan Troth
Patricia Sharp (1 year term)	
Bill Wolfe	
Terry Allen	

John O’Neal moved that these seats be approved. It was seconded and carried by a show of hands in person and via Zoom.

Lake Doniphan Retreat Center Board

MMC leadership will appoint and present the open seat to the Advisory Council for sustainment once updated By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation are approved with the state of Missouri. Randy Cole was thanked for his decades of service to the board.

New Business & Adjournment

Allen called for new business and hearing none the conference was adjourned by president team member, Allen Keehler with the singing of hymn CCS #560, *How Many Times We Start Again*. The session was followed by a time of worship.

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson