

Commission on Archives and History

May 8, 2018

Minutes

Attending: David Werner, David Laechel, Mary Bakeman, Thelma, Boeder, Kathy Spence Johnson, and Hilda Park on Conference Call.

David W. convened the meeting.

We had a brief time of sharing.

David W. shared a devotion on I John 4: 1-3. David Laechel prayed.

The Minutes were accepted pending a correction.

MN Connects Articles-Kathy has submitted information regarding the NCJ CAH 2018 Convocation to the Communications Office. Summer ideas-Portland Prairie's Annual Summer meeting, July 29, 2018. We should be thinking about ideas for fall.

Church Historians-Kathy provided a list of Church Historians that churches have listed on their forms and are in the Conference database. David Laechel will contact these and others. David W. suggested a list from Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure - Minnesota Chapter.

David W. announced that Judith Clark and Dan Foster have both agreed to serve on the Commission starting in July.

NCJCAH 2019-David W. expressed his appreciation of all the ideas the committee members sent out by email. Kathy read her summary of the proposals. We agreed to create a working group or Task Force to work out the details of the event in Mankato, Monday evening, July 8 –Thursday noon, July 11, 2019. The Task Force will be Hilda Parks, David Laechel and Randy Koppen. The task Force will consider housing, meeting spaces, food options.

Themes-We discussed the Main Theme being "The Way Forward or "Looking Back on Ways Forward". The three big topics that emerged to address this theme were the;

1. EUB Story in Minnesota including all sides. EV and UB in Minnesota had large differences in size. Might include "What is the passion for hanging on to Historic Church Buildings?" Themes we discussed were mergers, EUB-Methodist, Thelma pointed out there are many voices involved in the mergers, UB, EV, German, etc. We discussed touring Blue Earth, country church, town church. Wells possible for tour as well.
2. Dakota Theme-How the White population and the Dakota populations navigated their "way forward" after the conflict. Include the story of the repatriation of the Red Rock with this theme.
3. Immigration-ethnic congregation of 19th century, current immigrants, refugees.

David W. asked that we "model how we talk about history to inform how we live today".

We discussed livestreaming the event. Centenary UMC has the equipment.

The Task Force was asked to create a brochure or hand out to give to participants of the NCJ CAH 2018 event in July. David W. asked that they send a proposal of this out to the committee for comment.

David W. will write up the Themes to have something to work with.

We discussed Historic Sites. David L. will attend the Annual Summer Service at Portland Prairie on July 29, 2018 and present the GCAH plaque on behalf of the commission.

Kathy will process the GCAH registration for Robbinsdale, Olivet UMC and submit it this year.

The 50th Anniversary of the Uniting conference 1968 is being celebrated at Annual Conference this year. We might suggest they find ways to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 merger in Minnesota next year.

Thelma reported that she is continuing her research and enjoying it.

Kathy explained that she would not be pursuing the Virtual Exhibit in Past Perfect, as it is too time consuming to maintain. She ask what to do with the funds. It was decided to return the \$1253.36 to the UNHSMN by having a check sent to Hilda Parks. Kathy will not be attending Annual Conference in St. Cloud in 2018. She will provide displays for our table. One for Church Historians and one or two about the 1968 EUB-Methodist merger. Hilda volunteered to oversee these at Annual Conference.

We asked David L. and Thelma to be delegates to the NCJ CAH 2018 Convocation in Dayton, Ohio in July.

Next meeting September 11, 2018, following meeting November 13, 2018.

Adjourned.