

Commission on Archives and History

September 11, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Mary Bakeman, Judith Clark, Thelma Boeder, Kathy Spence Johnson, Randy Koppen, Dan Foster, Hilda Parks, David Werner, David Laechel, Marybeth Nelson.

We had a brief time of sharing what we have been doing this summer.

David L. led devotions, reflection on 9/11/2001, a prayer by Bishop Whitaker "Prayer for Terrible Times".

Minutes were accepted as written.

We discussed ideas for articles for the MN Connect Conference newsletter.

Winter: invite everyone to the NCJ CAH Convocation July of 2019.

Others-Churches with significant anniversaries as examples of what had been done. The 50th Anniversary of the 1968 merger? First UMC, Red Wing 165th Anniversary, Ask Clay Oglesbee to write something? Since fall is upon us, pass for this season.

David W. has been in touch with Richard Stowe, Indiana Conference Historian about a Church Historian's Booklet. David will find out more about when this will be available and if there is a cost.

We discussed using the Bulletin Board to ask churches who their church historians are. Kathy will make this Bulletin Board entry. We discussed that a personal email to each church might get a better response. David L has been asked to do this.

NCJCAH 2019 Team update. Hilda and David L handed out preliminary ideas for the schedule. Randy handed out a proposed financial budget and estimated costs.

The Theme is, "The Way Forward, Looking Back to Discern the Way Forward".

We spent some time discussing the schedule, topics for the lectures, and tour options.

We will be staying at the Country Inn and Suites. We will be meeting at Hilltop UMC.

David W asked that we focus on the idea of, "How does the past shape now and the future?" and how do we learn to get along?

After discussing the Tours, we asked the NCJCAH Team to make the final tour decision.

David W asked that the Team have a draft invitation to bring to the November meeting.

Kathy reported that the Old Salem Committee is asking for help in planning their two yearly services, one summer and one winter. After discussing this David W suggest that this might set a precedent that we do not want to start. When Historic Sites have trouble, it might be best to let things take their natural course. This might mean that they do not have services for a time. Thelma volunteered to contact Laurie Boche and see if she would take on leadership at Old Salem.

Kathy brought photographs of the Bintliff Mite Box to share and told the story of how it came to be at Hennepin Ave. UMC.

David L and Thelma reported on the NCJCAH 2018 meeting in Ohio.

Adjourned.

Our next meeting is November 13, 2018 at the Church Center. The following meeting is January 8, 2019 at the Church Center.