

Commission on Archives and History

January 8, 2018

Minutes

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

David W. convened the meeting at 10:10am.

We had a brief time of sharing.

David L. shared devotions from the Covenant Service in the Book of Worship. John Wesley suggested a yearly time of renewal, one week a year. We read a prayer from page 607 of the Hymnal, "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition".

The Minutes were accepted with some spelling corrections.

David W. led us through the list of our duties as a Commission according to the Book of Discipline.

We discussed section B. 4. Related to Ethnic Congregation. David has spoken to Ben Ingebretson asking if there was a way for us to connect with these congregations. At this time, there is no formal way. We discussed creating an outline or survey that might help them record the details of their history. We would send this to them. David L. is contacting all our churches about their church Historians; we might piggyback on this to reach the Ethnic Congregations as well.

Hilda and Randy said they would work on this to help these congregations capture their story.

We discussed section B. 1. b, Discontinued church records. The discontinued churches are instructed contacted by the District Superintendents to collect and deliver their records to the Archive. Kathy usually knows about this in advance and can help the church with information about what to send.

We discussed section B. 1. g, the Historic Hour. Our Conference does not celebrate an Historic Hour per se., but David W. is in touch with the Sessions Committee letting them know we can help with any historic information or presentation they need.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Minnesota Conferences EUB and Methodist merging and this should be acknowledged. Kathy will provide a display about this at the Ministry Fair and another display about our NCJCAH Convocation in July. Annual Conference is June 18-20, 2019.

We discussed Some Bulletin Board articles we would like to submit. David L. prepared a "Save the Date" blurb about the NCJCAH Convocation for us to approve. We made some changes to this and David and the Committee will edit this and submit it. The Committee was asked to have a full invitation and Flyer drafted by April.

David L. presented the NCJCAH schedule so far, which includes accommodations, tours, tour bus possibilities, speakers, meeting times and budget. There is \$1000 available from the NCJCAH as starter monies. Kathy will check with Barb Brower as to how a budget line can be started for these funds. The NCJCAH Committee estimates it will cost participants about \$130-\$150 plus travel and accommodations.

We reviewed our Historic Sites list. Thelma and Judith were both at Old Salem for their Epiphany Service, January 6th.

Marybeth will be at Robbinsdale, Olivet January 22 to present their Historic Site Plaque.

Randy reported that Duluth, First UMC and Willmar are both celebrating anniversaries this year. He will send letters to them at the appropriate times. We discussed seeking out this information in other ways.

We discussed the fire at Norwood, Church of the Maples. There are no records left. David W. will send a letter of condolence to them.

We discussed the groups who have historic sites and meet regularly. We considered that there might be more, perhaps Cemetery Associations. Should we look for more of these?

Next meeting, May 14, 2019, 10am, Conference Office

NCJCAH-July 8-11, 2019

Following meeting-September 10, 2019

Adjourned.