

Commission on Archives and History

May 14, 2019

Minutes

Attending: David Werner, David Laechel, Thelma Boeder, Mary Bakeman, Marybeth Nelson, Kathy Spence Johnson

Attending by Conference Call: Hilda Parks, Randy Koppen, Dan Foster, Judy Clark

David W. convened us at 10am.

David W. asked us to share something about our Mothers during our sharing time.

David L. shared devotions thinking about "What times we live in", "What Will the Future Bring"?, He reminded us of the Burt Bacharach/Dionne Warwick song, "What the World Needs Now Is Love Sweet Love", We should be faithful and share God's Love.

Judy opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as corrected.

We discussed Articles for the MN Connect. David will write an invite to the NCJCAH, Kathy will help get it to the MN Connect page. We discussed doing an article update on what went on at NCJCAH or Thelma suggested a story about her Start/End Project being published/shared for the fall.

David L. reported that he had emailed all the churches/church historians and received about 25 responses. Several in the room did not get the email and we discussed how churches do not always pass these on to the correct person. We need to continue contact with these church historians.

Hilda and Randy sent out some questions we could use to encourage ethnic congregations to keep their history. They will continue work on this after NCJCAH.

David L. reviewed the schedule and speakers for the NCJCAH. David handed out an updated brochure. It has gone out to a few people. He will now send it out to the Annual Conferences CAH's and Archivists. Kathy provided him with a list of emails to use.

We discussed the presentations. The EUB subject need shepherding. We need panelists. We discussed several people to contact to see if they would participate or know someone else to contact, Dean Wolf, Rob Stemme, Duane Gephardt, Deb Walkes, Rick Kane, and Carol Wegner.

David W. suggested these speakers discuss the questions, "What did you learn from the merger?", "What was it like at your church in MN?" "What did you learn from people who don't think like you?"

David Laechel pointed out that we are suggesting participants visit the Brown County Historical Society. Do we have enough time for this? We discussed who might lead the discussion after the Bishop's talk, a moderator. Randy declined. During this time ask, "What might happen to Archives and History?" Thelma Suggested Bruce Forbes as a moderator. She will contact him. The GCAH staff who participate might help with this.

We discussed if there is a need for the native perspective in these presentations. David W. said to present the native story we need to have a native voice. Guy Sederski was contacted but has not gotten back to us. David W. will ask him how best to include the native voice. Jim Bear Jacobs was also contacted and he suggested Gwen Westeman from Mankato State. We discussed where in the program the native speaker might fit.

David L. spoke to Duane Coates and they will both work to get the brochure out to the Annual Conferences in the Jurisdiction.

After discussion, Kathy agreed to moderate the discussion about how we handle controversies around Historic Sites or Historic Artifacts after Linda Gesling's presentation about the Red Rock.

Kathy will look into having slides at Annual Conference with an invite to the NCJCAH and the 50th Anniversary of EUB/Methodist merger.

David W. reported that the Market Street parking Ramp does not want any plaques. He will continue discussion with them.

Marybeth reported on her exciting trip to Robbinsdale, Olivet to present their plaque.

Kathy will create three fold displays for Annual Conference highlighting NCJCAH, 50th Anniversary of the EUB/Methodist merger, and AC 1956. Kathy brought a 1917 dollar bill from the Minneapolis, Wesley UMC records as show and tell. Simpson UMC has discontinued and Kathy is preparing for their records to come to the archive. This will challenge our collection storage spaces.

Thelma reported that she and Kathy will be working on formatting her Start/End project for online access.

David L. reported that he continues to work on Memoirs for the Journal.

Randy has sent out two greetings to church with significant Anniversaries.

Next meetings; NCJCAH-July 8-11, September 10, November 12.