

## Commission on Archives and History

September 10, 2019

### Minutes

Attending: David Werner, David Laechel, Mary Bakeman, Kathy Spence Johnson, On conference call; Hilda Parks, Judith Clark, Randy Koppen

We had a brief time of sharing. David asked us to tell a way history has made a difference in our lives this summer.

David Laechel shared a devotion about "A Working God", working in ordinary ways.

David Werner thanked Kathy for her work in the Archive.

The Minutes of May 17, 2019 were accepted as written.

We discussed articles we might add to the MN Connect. Kathy reported that she, Thelma and Christa are working on adding Thelma's lifelong project to the Conference Website. Christa said she would highlight this in the Conference emails when it is available when it is on the website

Another suggestion was an article to introduce the new archivist.

Randy and Hilda will continue their work encouraging local churches to record their histories.

David Laechel handed out reports from the NCJCAH Convocation, a summary report, an evaluation and a financial report. Attached. The Conference went well and David thanked the committee for all their work. There is \$1004.27 remaining funds. We agreed to pass this back to the NCJCAH or to the Michigan Conference for next year's conference. David will check with the Treasurer as to where to send the money.

Next year the Convocation is July 6-9 in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

We reviewed the list of Historic Sites and when they were last visited. Kathy reported that there are some issues at the Ottawa Church. The Le Sueur County Historical Society that owns the church is in receivership. Kathy has seen photographs online of the steeple down on the ground. We really have no say about what goes on with the church. Since we invite people to visit, perhaps we should add to the Conference website that it is temporarily closed; Kathy will see this is done. David W. suggested we send a letter stating our concerns about the site. Hilda said she would do this on our behalf.

David W. will contact the Market Street parking ramp again to see what progress is being made.

David L. will look into the EUB Marion site information.

Thelma's project is completed and will be on the Conference website soon.

David L. reported that Memoirs are done for this year. He is starting on next year.

Randy reported that he has sent greeting to Willmar, Bloomington Portland Ave., and will send greetings to St. Paul Camphor for their Anniversaries.

Kathy reported that she is working with the many boxes of Minneapolis, Simpson UMC records that came in July. The Midwest Art Conservation Center is coming September 18 to do the Conservation and Preservation Survey. This is possible through the grant we received from the Minnesota Historical Society.

David asked about the new archivist and what qualifications they might need. We discussed this. David W. will serve on the interview team.

There is nothing new related to the Minnesota UM Historical Society. They have monies that need to be distributed.

In anticipation of the new archivist being at the next meeting, we discussed ways to introduce ourselves. We will use nametags next meeting, perhaps send greeting and photographs.

Next meeting November 12, 2019, Kathy will reserve the room for the November 12 meeting. Following meeting February 11, 2020.

It was suggested that we could sometimes meet at different locations.

Adjourned.