

Sessions Action Team

Minutes for November 19, 2018, 10am

In attendance: Carol Zaagsma, Barb Brower, Karla Hovde, Gail Johnson, Erica Koser, Janet Beard, Laura Miles, Bishop Bruce Ough; Dave Nuckols, via BlueJeans: Cindy Gregorson, Marianne Ozanne

1. **Devotions:** Carol shared a message about “hastelessness” and taking time to be still during this busy holiday season.

2. **2019 Annual Conference Session Prep (Dare to Reach: Love Boldly)**
 - a. Communications
 - i. Logo – Karla passed around copies of the new logo. (Very nice!)
 - ii. Communications Schedule/Deadlines – Karla passed around copies of the schedule. If there are any changes or additions, please let Christa and Karla know asap.

 - b. Budget Review – Gail reviewed a budget spreadsheet, with approximate costs for 2019. Some discussion ensued. *(Please see Gail’s updated budget spreadsheet.)*

 - c. Balloting – Gail explained that it was decided that instead of using electronic voting procedures, we will be using a manual system to vote for delegates this year. Because only one delegate is needed, each person votes for one candidate each time, so a manual vote will be easy to do and will save significant funds that can be used elsewhere. Carol and Dave recommended that the conference elect three reserves for each delegate. This was agreed upon by consensus. The number of paper ballot slips needed will be determined at a later date.

 - d. Speaker Confirmation – Bishop announced that our speaker will be Dr. Mark Teasdale, Prof of Evangelism, from Garrett Theological Seminary.

 - e. Ordination Venue – Gail contacted 2 large churches 675-750 capacity – neither one has capacity for videoing or live-streaming, so will not be viable for this event. Using the Carlson room at the Convention Center for worship will incur a \$15,000 expense. **(Gail sent an update after the meeting that the cost will be more like \$20,000.)** Additional uses for the second space were discussed.

 - f. Detailed Schedule Review
 - i. Schedule review – a review of the schedule occurred with several additions. *(Please see Gail’s updated version of the schedule.)*
 - ii. Wednesday night – Two options were discussed: 1. To co-sponsor (with the Rotary Club) the community concert/event happening at St. George park (Ideas: 5K run & UMCOR kit packing.) 2. A social entrepreneurial internal event with TED style talks related to reaching new people. Gail will contact Paul Marzahn, who is a Rotarian, and see if he would be willing to investigate whether a co-sponsorship of this event at the park is possible. If that option doesn’t work, the social entrepreneurial event will be explored.

 - g. Worship Planning Needs – Using Carlson as a worship space is most desirable. Final decision will wait until planning for the Wednesday night event is determined. Erica and Rachael are still researching music. They are gleaning information and will have a think tank in January with several people who expressed interest in AC worship. They will be able to do more planning once the worship venue has been decided upon.

h. Other Considerations

- i. Day Camp – Opportunities for all ages (preschool to youth) will be provided. Gail has leaders in place for the preschool and youth ages, and will be researching options and leaders for the grade school age group. (Camp staff are not available, since the camps are in the midst of their busy season.)
- ii. Resource Fair Feedback – Carol read a note of feedback from one of the vendors – discussion ensued around whether to offer the fair this year. There might be opportunity for some members to visit booths Wednesday afternoon, but there will not be an emphasis on the fair this year. Gail will let vendors know that there will not be an extended time set aside for members to visit the booths, so if they come, they will not be surprised or disappointed.
- iii. Fair Trade Coffee – short discussion on whether the legislation approved in 2009 is still binding. It is, so fair trade coffee will be provided when possible.

3. Closing

a. Meeting Schedule:

- i. Thursday, February 14 10am – 12noon
- ii. ~~Thursday, May 2 10am – 12noon~~, **CHANGE:** Friday, May 3 10am-12noon
- iii. Thursday, July 25 10am – 12noon

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beard, Conference Secretary & Registrar