

CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The Book of Discipline ¶641.1-4

AGENDA, TUES., NOV. 14, 2017 AT 10 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Membership: [*Discipline* ¶641.1]

David Werner, Chair.

Mary Bakeman

David Laechel, Secretary of Memoirs

Mary Beth Nelson

Ex-officio members:

Barbara Brower, MAC Director of Finance & Admin.

Elizabeth Lopez, Member of GCAH [*Discipline* ¶710.6]

Kathy Spence Johnson, Archivist

Thelma Boeder, Conference Historian

Randy Koppen

Hilda Parks

B. Brief updates by each member

C. Opening Devotions: David L.

D. Operate by Consensus

II. REVIEW OF OUR WORK

A. Minutes of Sept. 12 meeting. Comments, corrections, adoption.

B. Review of Commission duties as outlined by *The Book of Discipline* [¶641.1]

It will be our policy to look at the duties intentionally the first meeting of the calendar year.

III. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Preemptive Items: Creative ways the CAH can support local churches. [¶641.1]

1. Provide a quarterly article in MN Connect, promoting an event.

2017 Summer

David L. & Kathy

2017 Heritage Sunday

Fall

Thelma & Kathy

GCAH Picture Transcriptions (& suggesting ways for local churches to do the same)

Winter

Share events of Fellowship or groups.

2018 Spring

?? 150th Red Rock Camp Meeting

Homecoming (6/20-7/1)

Other ideas:

?? 50th Anniversary of the UMC merger

2. Idea starter: How can CAH help local churches with cemeteries set up a Cemetery Association?

Trustees want policies that keep churches or cemetery associations in charge of cemeteries.

When active churches close: Dss need to hve this as part of their protocol.

3. Idea starter: Helping local churches record their histories.

a. Organize interns to go to local churches and work with them.

b. Thelma, Mary Beth, and Mary signed up for Indiana's CAH's training for church historians, six sessions with certification. Perhaps we can use it ourselves in some way?

A. Care for MNAC's "Historic Sites" [¶641.1]

- | 1. Issues/concerns about our 15 official Historical Sites of the MNAC? | <u>Last Visited?</u> |
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| a. Site of Kaposia*, south St. Paul (1 st Methodist Indian Mission in MN, 1 st UMC)
Plaque at Dakota Co. Historical Museum | Mary B, 5/2014 |
| b. Red Rock and Missionary Log Cabin* (located at Newport UMC) Active Congregation | |
| c. Jacob Fahlstrom's Grave*, Afton (1 st convert to Methodism in MN) | Thelma, 12/2017 |
| d. First Site of Hamline University* (Plaque on 1 st UMC Red Wing) | Kathy, 7/2017 |
| e. Lenora Church* | Mark Woodward, regularly |
| f. Old Salem Church* (Inver Grove Heights) | Summer event scheduled for 6/4/17 |
| g. Taylor's Falls UMC* | Active Congregation |
| h. Koronis Ministries* ("Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds," Paynesville) Active Ministry | |
| i. Market St. M.E. Church Site* (Marker on parking ramp) | Kathy 8/2015 |
| j. Wesley UMC* (currently "Historic Wesley Center on Grant St") (Mpls) | Kathy 5/2017 |
| k. Ottawa Church* (Le Sueur Co. Historical Society) | Hilda, Summer 2016 |
| l. Portland Prairie Church | April 2016 |
| m. Olivet UMC, Robbinsdale | Active Congregation |
| n. First Finnish ME Church, Salem,* near Moose Lake | Thelma, July 2017 |
| o. Hamline Church UMC* | Active Congregation |
- *UM Historic Site of GCAH (13 of them)
-A more complete description is posted on the Conference Web site.

2. Updates on Historic Sites:

3. Report from the First Finnish Fellowship, Thelma B., Chair. and CAH rep.

West Side Church is considering taking ownership of the Finnish site. It is currently owned by Moose Lake UMC. In 1958 the cemetery was sold to West Side Church for \$1.

4. Historical markers to be delivered to the site in some meaningful and encouraging way:

Portland Prairie Church has no MAC Historic Site plaque and has no money to purchase one.

They would be open to one being provided. The GCAH plaque will be provided.

Kathy will contact Deb Ray.

Market St. M.E. Church Site - David W. will contact in the spring about construction plans for 2018 and plaque placement.

GCAH plaque presented to Keith Shew for Koronis ministries on Sept. 12.

5. Any issues on any of the other sites we need to be aware of?

Red Rock at Newport UMC: Bishop's Conversation Team includes Kathy J. and Mary B.

6. Have there been any requests for an Application and Guidelines for the nomination of Historical Sites to the MNAC? Is any action needed?

7. Any further information on the site of the First UB Annual Conference, held at Marion, MN, on Aug. 5, 1857...perhaps held at John W. Fulkerson's farm? Perhaps the Olmsted Co. Historical Society could provide more info? David L., "This is the year!"

B. Nominating “Historic Sites” (not “Landmarks”) to the General CAH [¶641.1]

2017 - Portland Prairie, finished!

2018 - Olivet UMC

C. Significant Anniversaries of the MAC. [¶641.1]

2018 Marking the 50 anniversary of the UM merger in 1968. The merger was voted on at General Conference 1968, but it didn't happen in MN until 1969.

D. Annual Conference Historian [¶641.3] Report from Thelma, the Conference Historian.**E. Secretary of Memoirs Report from David L., Secretary of Memoirs****F. Marking Local Church Anniversaries. Randy****G. Permanent safekeeping of the historical records of closed churches. [¶641.1]****H. Conference Archives [¶641.1] Kathy, Conference Archivist**

PastPerfect software of archival materials, with virtual exhibits on a website: Kathy has the Catalogue up and running! Virtual Exhibit is intended for 2018.

I. North Central Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History Convocation

Notes: We are allowed to send the CAH chair and two other official delegates from the MAC. If the chair does not go, then we still elect/send only two delegates.

2016 Hosted by Iowa, at Mount Pleasant.

2017 Hosted by Dakotas, at Bismarck (July 11-14, 2017)

2018 Hosted by (Wisconsin?)

2019, July 8-13. Minnesota hosts (plan for 30-60 people)

Paynesville, Lake Koronis Ministries unavailable.

Other ideas: Evangelical Association/Church focus - Paynesville, Middle Creek (bldg) was center of mission work for Evangelicals, etc.

What do you do when historic sites change hands outside of our control?

MAC's conversation with the Dakota about returning the Red Rock

The 5 Sacred Rocks of the Mississippi Riverbed for Native Americans

Talk about repatriation process, how to do it well.

Team of UM Conference, Newport UMC, CASDA, Archives,

Red Rock Camp, and then the Dakota people

The Dakota War (New Ulm pastor was killed)

Traverse des Sioux 1851 Treaty signing site in St. Peter

Thelma leads a presentation on her Church Starts project, including how she conducted the research, and how others can, too.

(2020 MN hosts General Conference)

J. UM Historical Society of MN [¶641.2]

Kathy will continue to renew the MN registration for the Historical Society for MN.

We will not attempt to renew the Historical Society's 501c3 status.

The Historical Society is dormant, waiting for interested people to make it active.

There are some funds available for grants. Applications can be submitted to Society officers.

K. Compiling a List of Active Fellowships of UM Historical Sites in MN

Annual meetings, contact information, etc. that we can promote and communicate.

Old Salem in Paynesville, Portland Prairie, Lenora, Inver Grove, Prairieville, etc.

L. Any Other Business?**IV. ESTABLISHING OUR PRIORITIES FOR OUR FUTURE WORK**

Monthly emails with reminders of things to do and think about:

V. SETTING THE NEXT MEETINGS: Feb. 6 - Invite Barbara to bring greetings.

May ? _____