

Commission on Archives and History

November 13, 2018

Minutes

Attending: David Werner, David Laechel, Thelma Boeder, Marybeth nelson, Dan Foster

Attending by Conference call; Hilda parks, Judith Clark, Randy Koppen

We started with a brief time of sharing.

David L. shared devotions, "God isn't interested in our accomplishments, it is more important to be centered on God". David W. commented that it is important to uncover peoples' forgotten stories, their real lives. Thelma shared her experience meeting the new Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, Kent Witworth. He is a United Methodist and has family history in Minnesota. She suggested the book, "Why Study History" by Fea.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as written.

We discussed Bulletin Board articles. We will plan a "save the date" for the NCJ CAH 2019 event for January and an invitation to the same event in the spring.

David L. reported he has started emailing churches for contact information for their church historians or whoever helps keep their history. We are hoping to keep an active roster.

Judith reported that the District UMW was suggesting they could dispose of their records. She will suggest they contact Kathy before doing so.

David L. handed out an outline for the NCJ CAH 2019 meeting. Hilda provided a revised schedule for the same event. We reviewed and discussed these.

Kathy suggested we add a Native American voice to the discussion of the Dakota War. To contact might include Guy Sederski, Jim Bear Jacobs (Minnesota council of churches, Program Director for Racial Justice), also ask Mary Bakeman for contacts.

Dan asked when we had worship opportunities. We do have worship on the first (Monday) evening and devotions each day. The schedule had omitted devotions on Wednesday, which we added.

Kathy reported that Laurie Boche had met with Jill Lewis from Old Salem. Laurie will work with Jill and the Old Salem committee to work toward becoming a cemetery association.

We reviewed the Historic sites noting who had been to visit them this year.

Robbinsdale, Olivet UMC has been registered and the plaque has arrived. David and Kathy have been in touch with them about how to present it to the church.

2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota Conferences of the Methodist and EUB churches merger. David W. will talk to the Sessions Team about some Annual Conference celebration related to this.

Kathy shared that the Conference office has a Digital Asset Management System to keep their digital records, called Mfiles. Many of the Conference Office ministry areas are using this system. This will

reduce the amount of paper records that will come to the Archive. The digital records are dated to move to the digital archive area of the system as their retention dates come due. The Archivist has the responsibility to retain or dispose of the records according to their retention status in the Records Retention policy.

We reviewed the list of history groups that have occasional events at historic churches; Salem Paynesville, Portland Prairie, Lenora, Old Salem Inver Grove Heights, Prairieville Cemetery Faribault area, Pickerel Lake, Palmyra.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:39.

Next meeting, January 8, 2019, also May 14, 2019, both at the Conference Office.