

COLUMBIA DISTRICT CES 25 JAN 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PERSONAL SHARING

OPENING PRAYER

REVIEW MINUTES

PRESENT -- Harold Hauser, Norm Dyer, David White, Donna Ward (phone), , Scott Overton, Bruce Rogers, Kathy Boyes, Becca Wieringa, Trudy Pollard, and Erin Martin

EXCUSED -- Mildred Riley, Norm White,

Old Busions -- Investment policy draft brought to us by Norm Dyer. Seeking to have this available to approve in March

*Visioning Sub-group – A missional strategy team.

2/18/17 Group to implement strategic plan. Norm Dyer and Becca W will represent us on this team.

*Ongoing discussion of meeting with Cascadia DES

*Date/Time change: As of the Annual Meeting we will move to the 2nd TUESDAY at 12 noon (11:30 am for Investment Committee)

*Annual Meeting TUESDAY 2/14/17 Sunnyside UMC; Meal catered by Pat Schweibert. Sandy Lofy sending out invited. All reports need to be in by 1/31/17. Pat will share about the ministry of Sunnyside Community House. Kathy will check with Sandy on making signage.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

- INVESTMENTS (NORM) -- Summary by Greg, we are doing well. Investment minutes on website. New policy draft will be approved in March/April. Requested a written statement by Greg on his investment policy at his office.
- AUDIT COMMITTEE (SCOTT) -- nothing new
- GRANT COMMITTEE (DONNA) -- Rockwood Center/Gresham's Ministry grant. How do you do ministry as social business? We are discovering that because of the change in landscape, churches who have people who can pay for everything required for the local setting is not sustainable. We are looking at alternative revenue streams. With the Rockwood Center Steve Lewis will be "running a nonprofit business." Discussed from whence is the money coming. Requested \$50,000 from us. He is seeking

to leverage funds. Steve wants us to buy in as district and annual conference. He then wants to sit down with Murdoch and seek to have them grant more than what he already has received from other resource streams. We need to have conversation about “visioning forward”. Becca pointed out that this is his last step, not his first step. She spoke to the need to make a big leap, and now would be the time. We talked about where we could get some of this money, and noted that our grant funds are for the most part restricted by the givers. How have we been spending the Vital Ministries Fund? Scott shared some of that history. Looking for projection of vision. This project is unique in a way. We also talked that there will be other monies coming into this fund. Moved that we grant \$50,000 for this project. **MSP.**

- There have been no grants for the Balcomb music fund. Churches can request funds for this.
- LOAN COMMITTEE (NORM W) - nothing
- NOMINATIONS (KATHY) = we need a VP for this group.
- TREASURER (SCOTT)
- BOOKKEEPER (DAVID W) walked us through the report on Finances. Operating Fund – took \$3000 to balance the funds. Church Loan income statement 3.6%; Short Term Fixed Income 2.9%; Long Term Fixed 3.7%; Equity Growth Portfolio 13%.
- DS ERIN MARTIN -- Under the Grant conversation, Erin brought us the need to be bold, but the question of being reasonable. We are looking at having to change how the CDCES operates when we have fewer churches. There are many churches projected to close in the next 10 years. Erin feels like her report really falls under the grant conversation and said that she is thankful that we are not granting as we once did, but as part of the