

Minutes: PCA LC Meeting
January 17, 2017

Present: Lawton Higgs, Sr., Beth Abbott, Gina Pond, JT Ramelis

Absent: Fred-Allen Self

Opening Meditation: Gina read an excerpt from Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet"

Have I spoken this day of aught else?

Is not religion all deeds and all reflection,

And that which is neither deed nor reflection, but a wonder and a surprise ever springing in the soul,
even while the hands hew the stone or tend the loom?

Who can separate his faith from his actions, or his belief from his occupations?

Who can spread his hours before him, saying, "This for God and this for myself; This for my soul, and this
other for my body?"

All your hours are wings that beat through space from self to self.

Approval of Minutes: With thanks to Lawton for writing up minutes for Sept., Oct., and Nov 2016 all were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: see addendum

Our 501c3 was approved on 12/15/16 but is retroactive to 6/3/2016. Any donations given from that date forward can be included in charitable donations for Income Tax. This will pertain to the LC members who represented PCA at Wild Goose Festival as well.

Our bank waives service fees when a balance is over \$500. JT suggests we look into on demand print T-shirts etc. to help raise funds. He will get pricing and details for our next meeting.

JT and Gina will also report our change in status as a 501c3 to PayPal for a reduced rate.

Budget

Anticipated categories for a PCA budget:

- Ordination
 - Admin costs
 - Background checks
 - ? stole
- National Convocation
 - Deposit for facility
 - Honorarium for presenters
 - Recordings of speakers
 - LC & RSL assistance
 - Scholarships
- Website

- Upgrade server & webmaster for future needs
- Advertising & Promotion of PCA

National Convocation

The suggestion was made that PCA have semi-annual gatherings with regional gatherings on alternate years. The title “convocation” seems to better reflect what we hope to accomplish: strengthening ministries, building community, educating our members, ordaining clergy... This is not simply a business meeting.

Locations were explored and it was decided to stick with a coastal venue for the Oct 2017 Convocation. Gina is researching City of Refuge in Oakland, CA where she has attended other events of this type. Beth is researching two locations outside of St. Petersburg, FL...a hotel that was used for earlier PCA Annual Meetings and a KOA with full service cabins.

Once a venue has been chosen, we will ask for volunteers for a National Convocation Committee. Deadline for decision will be our next meeting to give enough time for planning.

Endorsement of PCA for Chaplaincy Requirements

Beth has a form that a member forwarded to her, but is not sure it is the correct one for our needs. Bryan Bass-Riley who is a CPE Supervisor has offered to help us with this process. Beth will follow up with him and initiate the process using the documents from our 501c3. Questions: Do we need to seek endorsement by the Department of Defense before other agencies are contacted? Is our process for ordination adequate for approval? (We believe it is.)

New Standards for PCA affiliation as Laity, Church and Clergy

The forms created by Gina with input from Fred-Allen were approved. (see addendum for forms) Gina will now create PDF's of the documents and they will be posted on our website, in e-mails and on both Facebook Walls along with a link to an introductory letter and YouTube by Lawton explaining why we believe this is necessary for our continued validity and growth as an organization.

These will change our constitution and canons. We will have 30 days for questions and discussion, 2 weeks to make any revisions and then 30 days before membership voting commences.

LC Concerns:

David Gray emailed an additional concern about Shane Gray who has been removed from our approved clergy due to matters of misconduct. Lawton feels no further action needs to be taken by us. Beth will respond to Rev. Gray's email.

Lawton will check with Fed-Allen Self to see if he will be able to resume duties as Secretary of PCA.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2017 5PM CST, 6PM EST, 4PM PST

Respectfully submitted: Beth Beyer Abbott, co-chair