

Minutes
PCA LC Meeting
May 8, 2017

Present: Lawton Higgs, Sr.; Beth Abbott; Gina Pond; Fred-Allen Self

A Reflection and Prayer was offered by Beth Abbott, Co-Chair

Agenda and 3/13/17 Minutes were approved. Addendum: Lawton and Beth have not arranged for joint access to the PCA account. They will work with Wells Fargo to get this accomplished in May, 2017.

Finance Report Balance \$583.65 Expenses \$0 Deposit \$23.97 (donation)

Revised C&C Lawton noticed a couple of small revisions that should be corrected before we send the Revised C&C to the members for comments and vote. It was decided that once they are posted, we will combine the 30-day period of replies with the vote simultaneously occurring. We hope that this will enable us to move forward with the Chaplaincy recognition documents.

Membership and Dues Documents have already been discussed, so once the C&C is approved, we can move to vote on these documents 2 weeks after (so that there is no confusion about them being separate votes.)

LC Treasurer Position remains open. Lawton has not received any responses. There were two suggested plans. 1. To repost making sure that people see the request. Using Facebook is frequently not effective since posts get buried so quickly. The position is open to anyone who is on the open or closed PCA pages since we do not have requirements yet for membership. 2. Lawton is going to research what it will cost to have a private agency create and submit the IRS documents. Gina is willing to track donations and send out thank you's. That database can then be used for end of year receipts to those who have donated to PCA.

Ordination Process & RSLs – Mentoring Needs We all agree that the present system of RSL's is frequently not meeting the needs of those seeking ordination. The moderator often is notified that no response has been made by the RSL for the candidate's area. Lyle Devine is overburdened with candidates. Old applications are being sent to Lawton with no RSL / mentor having connected with the applicant. Some documents even go to previous Chair person's addresses. After discussion, it was decided that after the new C & C is approved, a Committee

will take the place of the Regional Servant Leaders. A candidate will be passed on to the Chair of the Application for Ordination in PCA Committee who will then link the candidate to an approved mentor. The mentor will continue to be our “eyes on the ground” through telephone and / or Skype (face to face meetings if at all possible.) When the mentor believes the candidate is ready, they will send application documents to the Chair of the committee who will make sure everything is in place and then they will forward the documents to the LC Chair. We remain committed to the principle that when God calls someone to ministry, we assist them in the skills necessary and get out of the way as God is the one who ordains, not we humans.

Terry Lapierre-McGuire has volunteered to be South-Eastern USA RSL and was added to our list of RSLs. The LC is placing a hold on new ordinations until Sept. 1 to help clear out the current applicants and then we hope to initiate the new system.

Applicants for Ordination Applications were received from Karen Smarsh; Min Song; Patricia Snyder; Nathaniel Sprott; and Michael McKenney. All of the applications were approved except for the one from Min Song which was returned to Lyle Devine for a proper Safety Check and his letter or recommendation. Min Song has a congregation who hopes to ordain him in early June and the LC will do our best to affirm his ordination if these requirements are satisfactorily met.

Progressive Christianity Network Eileen Knoff (a PCA minister) would like us to be part of this network. Lawton will contact Eileen and have her get information on what is required. Our goal is to be as visible as possible and this might be a good opportunity to reach further people around the world who are seeking what PCA offers.

NEXT LC MEETING: Monday June 12th, 6:00 CST

Respectfully Submitted: Beth Abbott, Co-Chair