

PCA Leadership Council Minutes

May 6, 2018

Present: Gina Pond, Chair; Beth Abbott, Co-Chair; Matthew Self, Treasurer

Opening Prayer

Previous Minutes Will be read and approved by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: There was some confusion with Regent's Bank due to an online form not being received, but Matthew was able to get that straightened out. Currently, we have \$847.32. This will enable us to purchase the start up of Wild Apricot for our system of tracking members. We hope to get that in place by July. Gina will work with Matthew to get Wild Apricot up and running and the website updated. Matthew will be working on taxes May 7th.

Old Business:

Ordination Approvals: the LC still has not received the requested recommendations from Lyle Devine for the applicants we reviewed at the April meeting. It was decided that with Lyle's upcoming wedding and new job, we will move forward with those whom we affirmed. One candidate will be connected to Marie Ba'tel to work with, another hasn't submitted her background check. After Lyle's wedding, Gina will remind Lyle that the recommendations still need to be submitted. We all feel it is important to have a written record of the mentor's recommendation on file.

Ordination Committee: Gina was able to communicate with Marie Ba'tel about the new structure recommended at the April meeting and Marie is willing to take on those additional responsibilities. In the future, Kim will forward all inquiries to Marie who will make initial contact. Those candidates who are well qualified and ready to "rocket through" the process will be passed on to Lyle. Marie will mentor those who are still in discernment or who need additional skills before ordination. Marie has ideas for better organization and communication with those in the candidacy and will be working on those as well.

Facebook seems to be settling down again. No new problems to address. The admins are doing a great job keeping folks apprised of our covenant and removing those unwilling to abide by it.

Update on Clergy Suspension [The Facebook admins were contacted by more than one person who stated this clergy person was not upholding the Clergy Promise. Comments he made showed a lack of tolerance for diversity and a lack of support for the LGBTQ community.] The clergy person was contacted with a letter stating our concerns and our requirement that he enter into spiritual direction with Beth to determine whether PCA was indeed where God was calling him. His response was to resign as a PCA minister. The LC is disappointed as this could have been an opportunity for him to grow in his skills and his ministry. It was decided that no further action was needed since he chose not to continue as a PCA clergy person. He is still active on our Facebook pages and the admins are monitoring his comments.

Gina is moving It appears that Gina's move to Switzerland will take place the end of July or early August. Meetings will continue to be held online so the change in geography will not cause any changes long-term in the LC. Meeting dates may be more flexible over the summer as schedules require.

New Business

Wild Goose Beth will be the PCA representative at the Wild Goose Festival in Asheville, NC again this year. Materials developed last year will be used once again. We are aware of 3 PCA affiliates / clergy who will be speaking at Wild Goose. Beth will make a retrospective about last year's WGF for our blog.

Fred-Allen Resignation Fred-Allen Self was just diagnosed with a chronic disability and has submitted his resignation as Secretary due to the life changes he is experiencing. He will stay on the LC until a replacement is found and will remain the lead admin for our Facebook pages. Gina sent out an email asking for volunteers and it has been posted on Facebook, but so far we have not received any offers to fill the position. Beth has approached Jenny Howard since she has the skills necessary for the position. Gina asks that we keep on the lookout for people we can approach for this position.

Upcoming Elections We also need to start making people aware that in November, we'll be holding elections for Co-Chair, Secretary, and Councilor at Large. As always, there is some anxiety about whether our members will rise up to run for these offices. Gina will write a piece about the necessity of volunteers if PCA is to continue to prosper.

Scheduling of LC meetings With so many life changes, attendance at LC meetings has been challenging for the majority of those serving. Gina is wondering if we need to revisit the timing and will contact Kim. Matthew is to start a new job this month and Gina is moving. A LOT going on in our LC! We want to fulfill our duties as the leadership of the PCA in spite of our challenges. With Godde's help, we will.

Next Meeting will be June 3, 2018

