

Minutes for Sunday, April 10th, 2011

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ, April 10, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Free Conference phone conference set up by Rev. Kirby

Opening Devotion: Shortly after 8:00 pm CDT by Pastor Dan Smith on “Keys”

Reports:

1. Minutes - Grace Kreppel – Pr. Smith moved they be approved as sent & posted on O AFC site
2. Executive Director's Report - Pastor Smith report submitted and reviewed. A Seminary van might be possible for TT. Sandra commented on 2 possible O AFC pastors in Texas. Mark commented about getting NYG at seminaries.
3. Asst. to the Ex. Dir. Report - Dan Barz report submitted. Will work with ST registrations.
4. Treasurers Report – Dorothy report submitted. \$500 for ST scholarships has been received. \$6,000 check from CID LWML has been put in separate LCEF account to save for use on printing next songbook. There are a few CD's left. In the future we will need to post songs in MP3 format.
5. Business managers report – Nathan report submitted, commented on rummage sale of final O AFC items left with Ruhligns. New groups in CO and NE Illinois. Updated a display and did Power Point for Pr. Kirby's use. Background checks are moving along. Will print new Large Good News cards.
6. O AFC website – Committee needs to become active. Dan Barz has updated ST information. [News items and links added 4/11/11] We will need to renew contract with webmaster Roy Carlson.

Old Business:

1. Committee reports / review / evaluation – need to continue to recruit members for committee.
2. Finalize board member nominations – Debbie gave updates and sent information as posted below.
3. 2011 Summer training update - housing - program - logo – theme
 1. Mark sent an update of work done also posted below. The committee has met twice and is moving wonderfully. He has discovered a growing list of things to get done and can be overwhelmed.
 2. Tim has 4 churches involved and is working on more.
 3. Lost & Found has offered to do a concert during the ST weekend which will be free to ST participants. After discussion this was approved. Tickets will be sold to those not participating.
4. Executive Director call – Pastor Kirby reviewed the list of 2 retired pastors being considered for a 1-2 year interim position and 5 active pastors. A start date of August 1 is desired so a special call meeting will be held around June 1. The point was made that the

board has the authority to issue a call. The question was asked whether or not the call committee would choose to interview candidates

5. Spring Break travel teams – Mark reviewed his team’s trip and asked who gets lists of interested people.
6. O AFC financial audit – is required by our constitution, but a full audit costs about \$2500. Dorothy will check on a Fraud Audit that can be done for much less.
7. *O AFC Youth Manual* revision which was sent to the board by Nathan Ruppert. Emily had suggested some wording changes. Will work to organize into a ½ page booklet. [likely 16 pages from the current 12]
8. *O AFC Leaders Manual* revision (names were suggested for help in revisions ; Rev. Kirby will coordinate suggested revisions)Is to contain O AFC Youth Manual. Sandra asked about including more Bible Studies. We were reminded that on Friday night the lessons for the coming week are often good texts for the Bible Study. Pastors are sometimes invited to lead a Bible study for experienced youth while the O AFC leader does the Baptism Study. More studies by Pastor s are welcome.
9. LWML convention – Will be covered by Pr. Dan Smith. Anyone registered for the LWML convention can help. Kevin Wudtke is a possible helper.
10. New Groups, New Starts, Restarts – Reviewed
 1. George Harper working on Colorado
 2. Iowa East needs a leader to work with Ben Venteicher. They have a weekend April 15-17. Pastor Ruhlig’s daughter Beth Fosse is also in the area.
 3. Mike McKinney of Calvary Watseka is ready to lead NE Illinois group with support of pastor. Has been attending area weekends.
 4. Pastor David Benning of Wisconsin has a September weekend scheduled, is working on an October weekend and wants to take O AFC group to November Wisconsin youth event.
 5. Nebraska had weekend in St. Paul with past CID leader Pastor Tom Clark. Are working toward fall training event with new pastor at St. John, Seward

New Business:

1. proposed constitutional changes/additions for approval for the annual meeting at Summer Training – First Reading Approved as noted below:

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of O AFC – April 2011

Eliminate the following provision of the Constitution ARTICLE XIII(It is redundant and contains different wording than Article IV, which contains the synodically approved wording)

Constitution ARTICLE XIII -FINANCES

SECTION 9. Recognition by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that O AFC is a Recognized Service Organization is not an endorsement of the fiscal solvency of the organization, no of services or programs offered by O AFC, and does not express for imply

endorsement of the fiscal solvency of the organization, nor cause the Synod or its districts or congregations to incur or be subject to the liabilities or debts of OAFc.

Amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 as follows (the college election cycle was approved by the Board of Directors at the Dec. 2010 meeting, and adult election cycles are brought up to date)

ARTICLE IV -ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 5. The beginning dates for the three-year terms are as follows:

1. **Pastor 2011**
2. **Pastor 2012**
3. **Adult male 2012**
4. **Adult male 2010**
5. **Adult female 2011**
6. **Adult female 2010**

The beginning dates for the College Age two-year terms are as follows:

1. **College male 2011**
2. **College female 2012**

Eliminate the following provision of the Bylaws Article VI (the Synod no longer requires us to send in minutes, and OAFc is now supervised by the Board for National Mission)

Bylaws ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Board of Directors

1. The secretary shall send copies of all minutes to the Synod's Board for Evangelism Services.

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VI, Section 5 to include new duty 4. and renumber the remaining duties (The Executive Director position is not currently charged with supporting and establishing OAFc groups)

ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

SECTION 5. The Executive Director

1. He will promote the ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ throughout the LC-MS.
2. He will oversee the staff of OAFc including the hiring and firing.
3. He will up-date and theologically scrutinize materials.
4. **He will strive to retain all established OAFc groups, be responsible for routine**

communication with and encouragement of all group lead directors and diligently work to build new groups.

5. He will maintain contact with and oversee OAFc Group Directors.
6. He will present the OAFc ministry to the Seminaries and Colleges of the LC-MS.

7. He will present the O AFC ministry to pastors' conferences, convocations and conventions.
8. He will oversee fund-raising and or fund-raising staff.
9. He will be involved in O AFC weekends no less than 5 a year.
10. He will be responsible for Summer Training and be involved in it.
11. He will serve as editor of the Crier.
12. He will assume other duties as **assigned** by the Board.

Add a new Section 6 under Bylaws ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES (There are currently no bylaws to cover the responsibilities of the O AFC Business Manager)

ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

SECTION 6. The Business Manager

1. He shall be responsible for submission of all paperwork related to the Recognized Service Organization status.
2. He shall submit all state and federal paperwork related to the tax exempt and not for profit agency status.
3. He shall be responsible to reply to all O AFC mail and phone calls directed to the national O AFC office.
4. He shall be in regular contact with the Executive Director as necessary for the performance of his duties.
5. He shall be responsible for recording all financial supporter's information and ensuring that a thank you receipt is quickly sent to all those submitting gifts in support of O AFC ministry.
6. He shall maintain all weekend report information and provide statistics to the Board of Directors.
7. He shall maintain a current list of all O AFC forms and make these available through the O AFC website or mail.
8. He shall maintain sufficient supplies for the operation of the ministry.
9. He shall be responsible for the storage of all O AFC archives.
10. He shall provide all resources necessary for setting up training and travel teams and new groups.
11. He shall support meetings of the Board of Directors, but will not have a vote at the meetings.
12. He shall manage all other business related aspects of this ministry deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Next Meetings:

Special Call Meeting tentatively for June 5

Monday July 11 Summer Training Board Meeting at Noon

Closing Prayer: by Pastor Kirby. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 EDT/9:51 CDT

Respectfully submitted for Sec. Grace Kreppel by: Mr. Daniel Barz, Assistant to the Executive Director

Events Committee Report:

The committee has held two meetings since the January Board meeting. We have been what I would consider very productive as a committee. We have determined and delegated out the tasks that will need to be accomplished for Summer Training. Tim Onnen has gone above and beyond the call of duty. He has 4 confirmed Host churches. He plans to have a complete list of 8-10 churches by the end of April. He has been to 3 circuit meetings of the pastors. He also is setting up one on one meetings with all the congregations in the circuit's ministry staff. He and I are confident in the Host site, and the team congregations being ready to handle OAF's ST.

The Coordinators of various tasks are listed below. We are working to encourage each other and move forward in the preparations. I am very satisfied with the work that has already been done in regards to this.

1. Theme logo for shirt Matt Tasse and Pastor Dan Debbie is the person in charge of that info.
2. Schedule / Happening Mark, Dan Barz, Tim Onnen
3. Speakers / Workshops leaders Mark and Dan Smith
4. Shirts Sandra Hernandez
5. Team Leaders / Registration team divisions Emily Barz
6. Summer Training staff Debbie can help with that. Grace Miller
7. Office work Debbie/ Jamie / Ellen
8. Supplies / Materials Nathan / Dorothy
9. Manuel Josh / Paul

It brings me great pleasure to inform the Board that Lost and Found the music group approached me requesting to play for our opening weekend of Summer Training this year. I would like to share my thoughts, and Tim's thoughts on the possibilities. I would also appreciate your thoughts if we should move forward in pursuing this idea. Humbly submitted by Mark Triplett Chairmen of Events Committee. [Final arrangements are pending]

OAF's nominations for 2011

As of 4/11/11

Nomination committee: Debbie McBee (chair), Brock Baumgarn, Marty Lang, Laura Rooney, Pastor Peter Kirby (board chairman)

Outgoing board of director positions 2011: Pastor (Pastor Tim Mueller), Adult Female (Debbie McBee), Male Youth (Marty Lang), Female youth (Emily Barz), College Male (Paul Schlake)

Nominees for 2011 positions:

Pastor: Loy Schlote-declined, Tim Mueller-accepted, Tom Moyer, Matthew Tasse, Micah Wildhauer

Adult Female: Veronica Tasse – declined, Cassandra Eckhoff – accepted, Jamie Louderback – accepted, Ellen Griffin – accepted, Bri Sonnenberg - declined

Male youth: Josh Wudtke – accepted, Nathan Nert, J. R. Townsend

Female Youth: Sarah Hettig – accepted, Grace Miller – accepted, Kali Weishaar

College Male; Ty Metsker, Marty Lang, Jack Loftin, Micah Speers

O AFC Committees – persons Interested in serving should contact Pastor Kirby]

Events (ST, NYG): Mark Triplett - chairman, Paul Schlake, Debbie McBee, Emily Barz, Sandra Hernandez, Ellen Griffin, Pastor Dan Smith, Grace Miller, Josh Meyer, Nicole Baker

Nominations: Debbie McBee - chairperson, Laura Rooney, Marty Lang, Brock Baumgarn

New Groups: Nathan Ruppert - chairman, Emily Barz, Grace Krepel

Communication/Alumni: Nathan Ruppert, Sandra Hernandez, Grace Krepel

Technology/ Webpage: Aaron Delong, Paul Schlake, Dan Barz

Public Relations: Laura Rooney, Melissa Shore

Call Committee: Pastor Peter Kirby - chairman, Nathan Ruppert, Dorothy Ruppert, Debbie McBee, Mark Triplett

Finance/ Fundraising:

Pastor Peter Kirby - chairman, Sandra Hernandez, Dorothy Ruppert, Rev. Herbert Grieves Jr., Eric Movall