



Mission Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2008 7:00-9:10 p.m.

Present: Doris Peterson, Eric Spencer, John Alves, Alfred Johnson, Carmen Rodriguez

Absent:

Ex Officio present: Nailesh Bhavsar, Mac McArthur

Ex Officio absent: Kevin Yoho

Call to Order: Doris Peterson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m..

Mission Council Mission Statement (from Standing Rules) - Read Together

The Mission Council is the coordinating body that implements the vision of Newark Presbytery and the great ends of the church by calling forth people to support, strengthen and transform congregations, by providing direction, ideas and spirit with passion and imagination.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Rev. Karen Hybertsen

Devotional/Prayer (Erik Spencer)

1. Strategic Planning For Mission Council: Karen Hybertsen discussed proposals to encourage new work teams to determine gifts in the body of congregants. To figure out ways to stir up people up that encourages more resources.
2. **MSP** (Moved, seconded and passed): Motion to Adopt the Agenda
3. **MSP**: Elected Rev. Alfred Johnson to represent Mission Council at the Finance Meetings.
4. Report: Dr. Yoho's top level brief was read. Kevin can speak to what he means regarding 2008 Thematic Goals for Newark Presbytery and How would Mission Council support this vision? next month.
5. Report: Congregations Looking at 2008: John Alves stated being informed helps being supported by the Presbytery. The Presbytery should/will give direction and support for the Thematic Goals. Interaction would foster and support these thematic and new goals. Muriel Lovell: Mentioned that; influence of culture helps bring forth change. She recommended having youth share their ideas at Stated Meetings.
6. Report: Sanford Heights: John Alves mentioned S.H. discovered that by selling the manse they could use the funding to help other churches, but that idea died. First Irvington is not reporting how much they receiving for the building but are consistently getting \$3000.00 a month from Presbytery Office. BOT needs to put a hold on funding until an accounting is provided on how they are spending the money. John Alves agreed that full disclosure is needed.
7. Report: Alfred Johnson talked about the Globalization Partnership and the purpose of the funding received: \$20,000. They are hoping to recruit 15 young people and construction workers fir construction of a school in Jamaica. A letter is going out to entire Presbytery on email.
8. Correspondence: Agreed: MC would send letter to Prospect (RE: Prospect Church's mission committee letter and concern about technology spending and its pledge for mission giving.) to reconsider submitting a mission giving pledge.
9. Agreed: Mac will draft a letter to all churches about mission pledges. The final decision was that NO calls will be made by MC members at this time.
10. Correspondence: A Letter from James Cummings was read regarding the requesting support from The Presbyterian organization to fund schools in Pakistan.

11. Report: Carmen Rodriguez discussed that the Evangelism Work Team's workshop had to be cancelled because no one showed interest.
12. Report: Doris Peterson: MultiMedia academy work team has not started yet because the funding has not been approved by the Synod.
13. Moderator: Todd Shumpert; Save the date for Spring Gathering of Presbyterians, March 15th; dinner at Bloomfield College at 6:00 p.m. Also, Bruce Reyes Chow candidate for Moderator of GA will speak on March 25th at 2 p.m. at Westminster Rm 110.
14. Discussed Presbytery Meeting;
 - a. Global Mission to present
 - b. Globalization to provide written report, no money requests

9:10 p.m. Todd gave benediction.

Scribe: Deirdre Malloy