

Board of Trustees
Upper New York Conference
Minutes of Conference Call Meeting
January 12, 2015

The following persons attended and participated in the meeting:

Trustees: Peter Abdella, Rich Barling, Patricia Brown, Steve Butler, Deborah Byers, Diana Cordes, Travis Dann, Wendy Deichmann, Colleen Delcore, Essie Harding, John Jackson, and Howard Simonin.

Staff: Wayne Butler, Kevin Domanico

Consultants: Tom Clemow, Scott DelConte

President John Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Wendy Deichmann.

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were circulated late for action at this meeting. Only a small percentage of Trustees had reviewed them. John asked that both the November and December minutes be reviewed and comments sent to Essie and John offline as appropriate.

New Headquarters

Wendy reported that the negotiation team had finished one phase of work.

Head Quarters Task Force brought forward two recommendations:

1. That it would be prudent to continue with pursuing the Henry Clay property, notwithstanding environmental issues.
2. That the negotiating team may require concessions from the seller for unanticipated remedial costs, i.e., if it is determined \$20,000 or more would be required to meet such unanticipated costs, the seller would be expected to absorb the extra cost.

The trustees voted in favor of the recommendations of the task force with one abstention.

Build-Out Team

Kevin reported that the Team met Dec. 16, primarily for orientation, assignment, and set up of a time line for action. A second meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 10:00 am - Noon.

Insurance

Deb reported implementation of changes approved at the November 12 meeting. The Conference Website contains a full glossary of Insurance terms for church use. Response of Churches to new master policy generally positive.

Kevin has kept the District Superintendents apprised of churches that have not paid their premiums. The outstanding balance will be reflected on the bill for each church until paid up. Deb moved and Wendy seconded authorization of payment of outstanding premiums with Trustee funds, in order to keep these policies in force, and developing rigorous procedures to get delinquent churches to take full responsibility for outstanding premiums. The motion was approved.

Property Issues

As coordinator of the Property team, Steve Butler reported that he had identified and established contact with Buildings and Location representatives of 10 out of 12 Districts. Trustees will maintain their current assignments and new assignments will be made as needed.

A. Albion

Colleen Delcore reported on the status of Albion. A meeting was held with local trustees in December. Tom will be meeting with an auction real estate firm as an alternative to conventional sale of the property. Colleen moved and Diane seconded that the trustees continue to financially support the shoring of the sanctuary from January through April 15 or until the church disposes of the property, whichever occurs first. The board will review the situation at its next meeting in April. The motion carried. Kevin Domanico, Conference and Trustee Treasurer did not support this action.

B. Slingerlands

Colleen reported that this property is under contract, subject to issuance of a variance for use as an office and apartments. A hearing date has been set.

C. Arkport

Patricia presented pictures of two buildings, located south of Rochester, Route 86, as proposed gifts to the Conference. The buildings were constructed in 1991 and 2004; they have not been in use for over a year. The owner is hoping to ease his tax burdens. It was agreed that this matter does not require any Trustee action at this time.

Financial Resources

Awaiting review and legal advice.

Barry v. UNYAC Status

Scott DelConte reported that this case involving permanent injuries to a 13 year old camper appears to be reaching resolution by settlement. Agreement will be confidential, with no third party disclosure.

New Business

We were reminded to keep Paul Wiley in our prayers.

Prayer

Debbie offered a closing prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Essie Harding, Secretary