

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 25, 2003

PRESENT: Sam Wormley - Chair, Diana Allen, Gina Dugan, Phillip Lund, Anne McCleery, Eric Severson

NOT PRESENT: Janne Eller-Isaacs,

MINUTES TO: Nancy Heege, Sarah Greene, Mildred Larson

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REVIEW OF AGENDA

CHECK-IN

CORRECTION TO MINUTES

Minutes of meeting on June 21, 2003 to be corrected as follows: Mileage rate is .365 cents per mile according to Sarah Greene. Minutes of April 5, 2003 will not be distributed as it was a short verbal check-in and not a regular meeting. Minutes approved.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES – Sam

Maintain the committee's working webpages for future conference planners until the PSD can take over the responsibility.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS 2004 CONFERENCE – Anne McCleery, Local Arrangements

- Brochure is being set up using 2003 as a template. Logo evokes seasons, medicine wheel, prairie, flower, chalice, earth, air, fire and water.
- Where and how to request labels for mailing out conference brochures (ask Sarah Greene.) Approximately 3800.
- Use of website - brochure and registration can be downloaded from the website, distribute to email addresses, individual congregations can download and share with their own email distribution list, ex: youth email list.
- Each congregation will be sent extra brochures to distribute within.
- Work toward developing ONLINE registration for 2005 Annual Conference to be hosted by Unity Church, St Paul.
- Anne will check with Church of the Larger Fellowship about sending brochures to CLF members. <uua/clf.org>
- Youth Con – questions about whether to offer a youth con and how to. Phil answered questions about the process. Youth Adult Committee (YAC) would like the Annual Conference to be a district approved youth con that occurs annually. Even if only 20-25 youth adults attend, it is worth it. It will take some time to move in this direction with communication between YAC and the Annual Conference Working Group. This year, Boone and the Annual Conference have a scheduling conflict. In future years, it is hoped that conference dates will be coordinated with the Boone Conference.
- Hotel – Marriott, directly across the street from the church, across from the plaza, prime real estate in Kansas City, therefore rooms are expensive. Hotel space meets the needs of the conference. Room rate is \$109 + 12.5% tax = \$122. Gratuity is 19%.
- Optional Friday dinner at church will be barbecue beef sandwiches, approximately \$10, with servers so portions will be equal.
- Saturday and Sunday meals at the hotel: hot breakfast, lunch buffet, plated dinner.

- Budget – Anne will get a budget to Nancy this week.
- Conference fee – neighborhood of \$110-\$115.
- Speaker fees – include airfare, meals, and hotel. No honorarium.
- Discussion about logistics and policy regarding where to hold conference events – church space or hotel space. It was decided that Friday night’s dinner and keynote be held at the church & the Simpson House. Saturday events at the hotel. What about Sunday? All Soul’s Sunday services are 8:45-9:45 first service, 10–11 forum, 11:15-12:15 second service. Anne will ask if Jim Eller will conduct Sunday service.

WORKSHOPS – Diana

We have 25 applications and room for 24 workshops. Solution: Switch MUUC Workshop to an exhibit and tabletop. Diana will contact all workshop presenters to finalize times. The workshops fit into seven tracts:

1. GROWTH
2. MEDIA/ORGANIZATION
3. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CORE
4. FINANCIAL
5. MEMBERSHIP
6. SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH
7. YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Diana led an exercise to divide the workshops into categories and time slots.

	<u>Time Slot A</u>	<u>Time Slot B</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Slot C</u>			
	14	17	15
	25	18	13
	8	6	7
	1	21	11
	19	12	3
	4	5	2
	23	16	10
	9	22	24

YOUTH AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Phil

Priority: Maintain communication between YAC and Annual Conference Committee for planning youth con as a regular annual event at the PSD Conference. Coordinate the conference dates with Boone. Work towards promoting PSD Annual Conference as a multi-generational event for the benefit of all.

A Look to the Future: Local Arrangements (hosting congregation) Youth Group willingness to support activity at the Annual Conference. Where do we go from here? How to maintain the progress we’ve made with district programming and annual conference planning? Appoint a YAC Liaison on the Annual Conference Program Committee plus appoint a new Annual Conference Program committee member with RE background. Start with YAC (page 29) coordination of the 2005 Annual Conference. Michala Mahoney co-chair (youth) and Adrian

Vlach co-chair (adult). Phil's vision is to move toward congregations sending youth as delegates to grow leaders in our congregations and in the district. Phil will continue discussion with Mildred Larson at the Program Council level for new members on this committee.

HOSPITALITY TO GUEST SPEAKERS

Gina will ask Janne to be contact for Peter and Tracey. Need to get bios, photos, transcripts of talks, transportation to/from airport, special AV equipment. Janne should include Anne McCleery's email address in her contact with the speakers so info gets routed to Anne as well. amccleery@sbcglobal.net and CC Sam Wormley. Include in communication with the speakers, confirmation of conference date, the date and time of their presentation, financial arrangements and gracious thanks. It was suggested that Janne contact Rosemary about the 2005 theme and to let her know she will be the Judy Lecturer on Saturday.

CONFERENCE THEMES FOR 2005

The Future of Religion in America

Future of the Church

Religion and Democracy

What UU's Offer the World

Revisiting Pluralism

One Nation United By

UU Good News

UU Gospel

Imagine Peace – UU

What Are UU's For

If UU is the Answer, What is the Question?

Be Not Afraid

Courage in Action

*Unity and Diversity: Source of Hope and Courage – Speaks to the present and the future, alludes to the sense of urgency, and implies the future of the church.

SUGGESTION

In the next conference evaluation form, include the question "What themes do you suggest for future PSD Annual Conferences?"

ALTERNATE SPEAKERS

Previously we had discussed offering this opportunity to another speaker but they will be on sabbatical. Sam will contact potential alternate speakers from the Kansas City area:

1. Vern Barnet
2. Kathy Riegelman

NEXT MEETING

Gina will call Mary Samuel. Gina will bring a crockpot with chili and Diana will bring a dessert. Others?

Bread, fruit, beverages?

January 24, 2004 in the Twin Cities

10:00 A.M. at Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship

10715 Zenith Avenue South

Bloomington MN 55431

Recorded by Gina Dugan

