

Reformed Church in America
Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team

Minutes of the Leadership Team meeting held at Longview Community Church, Phoenix, AZ on August 7, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Fred Bates, Pastor Richard Caballero, Lynn Fischer, Rev. Susan Hetrick, Pastor Agustin Hubert, Rev. Dr. Jim Poit, and Wayne Ribbens, Rev. Dr. Ted Vande Berg, and Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland.

President Jim Poit called the meeting to order and opened with devotion and prayer at 10:05 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes: 02/19/14 and email meetings dated 03/03/14, 03/04/14, 03/08/14, 03/31/14, 04/15/14, 04/25/14, 05/06/14, 05/30/14, 07/04/14, 07/25/14, 07/31/14 submitted for approval:

MMSC to approve the minutes, with correction to 07/04/14, 07/25/14 and 07/31/14 being email meetings and not held at Longview Community Church, by voice vote 2014/27.

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

The meeting agenda was approved by voice vote 2014/28.

Items from the President:

Rev. Gary Jarvis leave update – Maintaining the status quo. People are filling in where needed.

Combined Classis meeting with CRC – Not at the September meeting but will consider for the next Classis meeting.

Approved by consensus 2014/29.

Items from the Stated Clerk:

Classis meeting agenda: (NOTE: Request that Prescott Community Church host Spring Classis meeting)

It was agreed the fall session of Classis would be held on Tuesday, September 23 at New Hope Community Church in Gilbert, AZ.

5:00 PM Call to Order, Opening Prayer & Dinner served by host church
5:45 PM Worship led by host church
6:15 PM Classis business meeting
7:15 PM Break
9:00 PM Adjourn

Approved by consensus 2014/30.

RCA Health Insurance update:

- All RCA ordained ministers of Word and sacrament actively serving within the RCA in a congregation, institution, assembly, or agency who currently have LTD insurance through the RBA will be provided LTD insurance through the RCA Board of Benefits Services retirement office.
- RCA ordained ministers of Word and sacrament actively serving RCA entities that are not participating in the RBA group health insurance program will be able to secure group life insurance (including supplemental coverage) with Reliance Standard through the RCA Board of Benefits Services retirement office.

Officers and Team nominations: 2015 Recommendation

President	Rev. Dr. Jim Poit
Vice President	Rev. Dr. Ted Vandenberg

Mission Southwest:

1. To be determined
2. Wayne Ribbens
3. Pastor Agustin Hubert
4. To be determined

Church Health Team

Team Leader	Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland
Assistant Leader	Rev. Susan Hetrick
Team Member:	Rev. Dr. Ted Vandeberg

Leadership Development

Team Leader	Pastor Fred Bates,
Team Members:	Elder, Lynn Fischer
	Elder, Marilyn Hoffs.
Clerk	Lynn Fischer
Clerk in training	Pastor Fred Bates

Treasurer

	Lynn Fischer
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Finance team	Wayne Ribbens
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Words of Hope

	Rev. William DeBoer
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Disabilities Advocate

	Ann Ballard
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Recommendation to present to Classis was approved by voice vote 2014/31.

Regional Synod grant request: It was agreed subject came up at the Regional Synod meeting we would take the position that we did not receive a lump sum for the Desert Haven property that was sold so a grant was not possible at this time.

Items from the Treasurer:

Proposed Classis 2015 Budget: Presented.

MMSC to recommend the 2015 budget, as presented, to the Classis for ratification 2014/32.

YTD Financial Reports:

MMSC to receive the 2014 YTD financial report for information 2104/33.

MISSION SOUTHWEST TEAM:

Organizational update: Pastor Richard Caballero

Pastor Caballero reported he had accepted a call to Emmanuel Church in Paramount, CA and would be relocating in early 2015.

After discussion Wayne Ribbens was asked and agreed to serve.

MMSC to approve the addition of Wayne Ribbens to the Mission Southwest Team 2104/34.

It was understood that we continue to be two representatives short on the MS Team.

The Team requested transfer of the \$1500 Classis Mission Operations in the 2014 budget to the Mission Southwest to cover their administrative cost.

MMSC to approve the request and authorize the Classis Treasurer to transfe the funds. 2014/35

The Team reported there were no MS activities that required Classis attention or approval.

CHURCH HEALTH TEAM:

Glass & Garden Update: Dr. Wieland reported that the litigants filed an appeal. This will require us to retain the services of Lewis, Roca & Rothgerber.

MMSC to re-sign with Lewis, Roca & Rothgerber LLC for the appeal litigation 2014/36.

Rosemont Update: Rev. John Foster has decided to retire.

MMSC to approve the retirement of Rev. John Foster effective September 1, 2014 2014/37.

Hope Cell Tower Update: The project is in the City of Scottsdale permit process.

Mescalero Update: Dr. Vande Berg reported that things appear to be going well.

Encouragement Teams Updates: Leadership was reminded of the Spring classis proposal and encouraged to follow up.

Vitality Pathways Update: This is a Regional Synod of the Far West approved program which replaces programs such as NCD. Christ's Community Church is in the program review process and is moving forward with plans to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

MMSC for Cotaro Vista Community Church to explore the possibility of having a satellite ministry at the Rosemont facility 2014/38.

MMSC to approve Commissioned Pastor contracts between Christ's Community Church and Fred Bates and Christ's Community Church and Kelly DeYoung 2014/39.

Next Leadership Meeting? No date set.

MMSC to close with prayer at 1:15 PM 2104/40.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Bates, Stated Clerk in Training