

**Reformed Church in America**  
**Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team**

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings by e-mail on January 15, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY e-mail: Rev. Dr. Jim Poit, Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland, Rev. Gary Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Ted Vandeberg, Rev. Dr. Susan Hetrick, Pastor Richard Caballero, and Lynn Fischer.

Recommendation received from Wayne Ribbens, Treasurer, Mission Southwest.

If we are going to get this Mission Southwest business going we need to take some initiative. There is \$10K in denominational money available to support us this year, that is dependent on matching funds. We have agreed to match \$5K and have the money to do so. Our friends in the CRC have agreed in principle to also match \$5K, but do not have the cash in hand.

The CRC is in a bind at this point because the source of the funds they were intending to use is hung up. It would be unwise for us to allow the \$10K in outside funding to evaporate as a result of this problem. I propose that we agree to match the entire \$10K with the intent of recovering the CRC \$5K from them once the funding clog is dealt with. I don't think it would be useful to go ask them to promise to pay us back at this point, because they can't make decisions until they meet as a classis and that may be too late. I think we should simply bite the bullet and commit so I can tell the guys up North we have the match and to send the money. We are already committed to spending \$5K. Worst case scenario, we spend another \$5K and get \$10K for free to meet our staffing needs.

If the CRC is on board with joint effort, they will pay us back when they have the money. If they don't, well then we will know where we stand. In the meantime, we need to "git 'er done!"

The recommendation was approved by e-mail vote 2014/02

Respectfully submitted

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