

Minutes from SWA Executive Council meeting Thursday, 10/20/22 @ 6:30 PM

- *Roll Call: David Mickle-Moderator; Tanya Sadagopan-Vice Moderator; Don Taft-Treasurer; Rachel Bauman-ACM*
- *Marlea Gilbert- Secretary;*
- *Members at Large: Lori Powell, Paul Hodel, Janet Pugh, (Joylynn Graham)*
- *Division Representatives: Board of Directors - Sara Rabe, (George Adams and Paul Karch); Social Concerns – Carolyn Kennedy*

- Opening prayer

- Approve Minutes from Sept 15, 2022 (see attached below) Marlea, Donald

- Board of Directors Report
 - How can Conf support the UCCI in their transitions and decisions to make. The Trost center is not being used efficiently. The conference will sell that, purchase the Daychola and move the conference office there.
 - Leadership Forward Program – Help for helping congregations. For Lay and Clergy both. Programs: Damascus gets half. Catalyst Grants and Ministerial Assistance will divide the report.

- Associate Conference Minister's Report
 - 19 churches are in search. Lot of openings and not many candidates. Anti-racism task force has concluded working on the module for first level to be conducted through Damascus project.
 - Changing supplier for Boundary Training. New will be all online. Several opportunities upcoming.
 - 8 new members-in-dicernment people
 - Many congregations are heading into Legacy. Looking for people for a team to help congregations.
 - Rob MacDougal will retire in December and new candidates are being interviewed.
 - UCCI is trying to get camp scholarships straightened out. We will be coordinating with staff to determine how that will work.

- Treasurer's Report
 - See reports and comments. We will change the name of Lay Academy to Damascus Project.

- Division on Church and Ministry Report
 - Polity course will come from Damascus as either time defined or as independent study.

- Social Concerns Committee Report
 - No new applications this month. They are looking for more. On the website.
 - Carolyn will be leaving, moving to Ecuador. Date TBA.
- Camp fee donation for SWA attendees follow up by Rachel and David and Don to determine past activity and future process. Marlea shared Pre-COVID process was to send money to UCCI for them to allocate. Any funds remaining returned to Assoc. at the end of the year. This is likely the process moving forward.
- General discussion on the “Purpose for SWA”. Where are we going?
 - UEK Working group – David has been working to learn more about this group. Rachel reports that an exchange pastor is scheduled for 2023.
 - Bethlehem Partnership – continuing to work with Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb and Bright Stars of Bethlehem. Janet expressed concern that trips that have happened in the past may not be as safe as they once were, but that the work with Palestinian students is important and should continue. UCC Committee may need strengthening post COVID.
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 - Clergy and Congregational Support This was a Division created several years ago, but never staffed with volunteers. Many functions are currently served through Catalyst. Tanya moves to remove that division. Janet seconds. Motion passed. (Secretary’s note. Recent modifications have removed the language from the Bylaws, but no formal vote has been taken until now.)
 - Tanya offers a Who We Are statement: To resource, equip, and support SWA congregations and clergy in their ministries; and to generate opportunities for deeper learning, making connections. and building relationships.
- Report on the Annual Meeting: Tanya: Proposed date May 6, 2023. Prefer in-person. Janesville UCC is willing to host. Include Installation of Rachel. Janet seconds.
- ‘General Synod Delegates needed: Young Male (2023 & 2025); Clergy Male (could be a lay person - 2023 & 2025); 2 alternates (2023 & 2025). David will repeat call for interested persons in *Shalom*.
- Meeting adjourned.

Meetings will be scheduled in January, March, May, August, September, October and December.

The next meeting will be December 15, 2022 @ 6:30.