

October 22, 2023
MC Fall Conference Business Meeting

The CMC Fall Conference was held in person as well as via Zoom. Since it was only our second hybrid conference, housekeeping items were necessary. Documents were emailed out prior to conferences. MCP Blake Smith called the meeting to order at 1pm, and Kylei Davenport brought the invocation and blessing.

Blake Smith called for the receiving of minutes for the 2022 Fall Conference held on September 15, 2022. QR code was posted and after a time for review, the minutes were received without corrections or additions.

Blake Smith turned the chair over to Robin Linkhart for greetings and the sustaining of Mission Center officers.

Robin shared greetings from the World Church and read a letter from the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric, appointing Blake Smith to serve as Mission Center President and Mission Center Financial Officer (MCP/MCFO) for 2024.

There was no discussion.

Linda Meyer moved to sustain Blake Smith as MCP/MCFO. A second was received. The conference voted to sustain.

Robin kept the chair to read the letter appointing Craig Perryman as the Mission Center Invitation Support Minister (MCISM) for 2024. There was no discussion. Kylei Davenport moved to sustain Craig as MCISM. A second was received. The conference voted to sustain.

The Chair was then turned over to Craig Perryman for elections. It was noted that Ellen Smith was currently serving in the role of secretary. The floor was open for nominations for secretary for 2024. Ellen was nominated. No other nominations were offered. A vote was taken, and Ellen was elected.

Craig Perryman then read the letter from the Mission Center President, Blake Smith asking for the conference to sustain counselors to MCP/MCFO. Marketer Ash and Sheryl Sawyers to serve as counselors to the MCP and Jude Vickery Vickrey to serve as counselor to the MCFO. There was no discussion. A vote was taken, and the positions were sustained.

Craig handed leadership or the floor over to Blake Smith, who then read a letter showing appreciation and support for the Mission Center Council.

Council includes: Roger H., Julie Snethen. Tami Perryman, Karen Brigham, Lisa Jauch, Olivia Lindell, Jude Vickery and Darrell White. Sheryl Sawyers and Marketer Ash are ex officio members.

No vote was taken because the positions were already sustained for two years in 2022.

Special thanks to Joyce Russell, who has been handling the bookkeeping for the Mission Center (MC).

The chair was turned over to Jude Vickery (Fund board chair) for the consideration of resolutions and election of board members.

Resolutions regarding the CMC fund board

 Actions and authority of the CMC fund board

 Removal of term limits.

Resolutions as follows:

Resolution Regarding Removal of Term Limits for the Chicago Mission Center Fund Board From the Chicago Mission Center Financial Officer Whereas, the Chicago Mission Center, through past conference action has, at the recommendation of Mission Center leadership, set term limits for persons serving on the Fund Board in which members have been limited to two consecutive terms, and Whereas, at the time those term limits were set, there was a larger pool of qualified persons in the mission center to serve on the Fund Board, and Whereas, it is important that the Fund Board positions be filled in order to best transact the business for which it was created, and Whereas, at each Fall Conference, the members have the right to determine who serves on the Fund

Board through by voting “for” or “against” those persons who are nominated, therefore be it Resolved, that term limits for Fund Board positions be removed.

Resolution Regarding the Actions and Authority of the Fund Board in Chicago Mission Center From the Chicago Mission Center Fund Board Whereas, the Fund Board is duly elected by the Chicago Mission Center (CMC) at its annual Fall Conference, and Whereas, the purpose of the Board is to oversee the management of the Funds which make up the Chicago Mission Center Affiliate Investment Pool Reserve (Pool A - General Reserves, and Pool A – Strategic Goals Fund), and Whereas, that management responsibility includes review and approval of operating budget spending levels that require use of the General reserves, and review and approval of applications for annual grants from the Strategic Goals Fund, and Whereas, the current policy of having the CMC approve the actual disbursement of the grants once a year impedes the ability of the Fund Board to respond in real time to the funding needs of new expressions of mission in the mission center, therefore be it Resolved, that the Fund Board be allowed to determine the total amount of granted funds each year based on a limit not to exceed the recommended spending rate set by the Presiding Bishopric of the church, and be it further Resolved, that the Fund Board be given the authority to approve the disbursement of grants as needed without further approval by CMC Conference action, and be it further Resolved, that the Fund Board will provide a report to the annual Fall Conference of the CMC which provides information on all grants pending and/or disbursed in the inter-conference period.

Election of Finance Board

Two openings

Term ending in 12/31/25 to fill vacancy left by Don Jackson’s death

Term 1/1/24-12/31/26

Jude Vickery received nominations. Cloyd Dowell was submitted by the Presidency to fill Don Jackson’s seat.

Other nominations were Margo Frizell for term ending in 12/26.

A vote was taken, and Cloyd and Margo were elected for the finance board.

Jude Vickery presented the general reports

The SGF report was shared on the screen for viewing by the conference.

Brainard Ministries: Request for 4K

Elgin Community Cupboard: Requested 3K

Highland Packs for Pals: Request for 5K

Mission: request for 3K (1500 each for PFP and NAB)

Total in grants 15K

The chair was returned to Blake Smith for the remaining reports

General Reports- (shared on screen) Camp Quarry Ledge closing financial report.

Questions and comments were received, and the report was received into record.

Blake Smith turned the conference's attention to the **Bridge of Hope report** (see report for details).

Questions and comments were received from the conference.

The report was formally received into the record.

Blake Smith maintained the chair to lead a discussion on the budgets.

The **CMC budgets** were posted for the conference to review, including:

- The 2021 final balance sheet.
- The 2022 financial balance sheet, updated through September 2022.

There were no questions from the conference, and the reports were received into the record.

Resolution regarding paying off the CMC Bridge of Hope Obligation was read:

Payment of Chicago Mission Center Bridge of Hope Balance Whereas, Chicago

Mission Center was given an amount of \$1.265M as their portion of the Bridge of

Hope (BOH) Obligation, and Whereas, that obligation is due to be paid in full by

January, 1, 2024, and Whereas, as of October 10th, 2023, contributions in-hand plus confirmed committed pledges leave a remaining balance of \$118,734, and Whereas, the Chicago Mission Center, at its 2019 Fall Conference approved a plan that included using funds (\$100,000 at that time) over and above the \$500,000 required to fund the annual Strategic Goals Fund Grants to fulfill any shortage, and Whereas, current excess funds in the Strategic Goals Fund is more than sufficient to temporarily cover the remaining BOH balance, therefore be it Resolved, that the Chicago Mission Center approve the payment of the remaining BOH obligation balance using funds from the Strategic Goals Fund, and be it further Resolved, that the BOH obligation balance be paid immediately, and be it further Resolved, that any additional funds received after the payment of the debt would be used in the following ways: First, to replace funds taken from the Strategic Goals Fund to pay the debt, and Second, to strengthen the Mission Center's main reserve fund in order to prepare for future needs.

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Income 2024

Proposed Congregational Commitments 27,500.00

Envelope Contributions 0.00

Pooled Investment Funds Transfer 93,650.00

SGF Reserve Income 15000.00

TOTAL INCOME 136,150.00

Expenses Audit Expense 200.00

Equipment 500.00

Office Supplies, Software, Lic 500.00

Insurance 1500.00

Payroll Expenses 112,000.00

Communications Postage 100.00

Printing and Reproduction 150.00

Telephone/Internet/Cell Phone 1100.00

Website 600.00 Misc Admin Support 0.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT 116,650.00
PROGRAM SUPPORT Ed, Train, Workshop, Conferences 500.00
Youth Ministry Total Budget 1500.00
Mission Center Gatherings 1000.00
Invitational Support Ministries 500.00
Young Adult Ministry 500.00
SGF Grants 15000.00 Misc Program Expense 500.00
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT 19,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 136,150.00
TOTAL INCOME 136,150.00
TOTAL OVER/SHORT 0.0

Blake Smith received a motion from Jude Vickery to consider the CMC 2024 budget

This was seconded by Steve Anderson.

The conference voted to approve the budget as presented, and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no questions about the survey

Blake Smith received a motion from Joyce Russell to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kylei Davenport.

There was no discussion, and the vote to adjourn was taken and passed

Prayer by Blake Smith

Conference adjourned