



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OREGON-SOUTHWEST IDAHO  
REGIONAL BOARD MINUTES  
November 5, 2022**

**Members Present:** *Gary Allen* (New Hope Meridian), *Al Altnow* (John Day FCC ), *Sandy Berry* (Portland FCC), *Eric Eide* (Silverton FCC) *Erik Free* (Keizer CC), *Dean Greshong* (Pendleton FCC), *Brad Helms* (Junction City FCC), *Cheryl Hudson* (LaGrande FCC), *Robi Ingram-Rich* (Portland FCC), *Pam Knight* (Lynchwood CC Portland), *Jorge Lopez* (Jehova Nisi), *Jamie McCornack* (Eugene FCC), *Brend*, *Mary Anne Parrott* (Hood River Valley), *Mark Ridings* (Salem FCC), *Bernice Rivera* (Murray Hills/Regional Staff), *Elizabeth Seamans* (Ontario FCC), *Stacy Shelton* (Medford CC and Regional Staff), *Sandra Vincent* (Lynchwood), *Lena Webb* (Nampa FCC), *Reneé Windsor-White* (Albany FCC and Regional Staff), *Cathy Myers Wirt* (Regional Staff), *Doug Wirt* (Regional Staff),

The meeting was called to order by Pam Knight and opened with prayer.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were received as corrected. Correction: Correct the spelling of Leticia Oregel first name. *Moved/Seconded by Eide/Clabaugh that the minutes be received. Passed.*

**Treasurer Report** was presented by Sandra Vincent. *Curtis/Eide moved/second to receive financial reports. Passed.* Reports submitted for this report include the following, all of which are attached to these minutes: Year to Date Profit and Loss, Balance sheet, Profit/Loss Budget vs. Actual, Disciples Mission Fund and Special Giving report, this year/last year comparison giving to Disciples offerings from congregations.

**Women's Ministry Report** presented by Women's Ministry Representative, Reneé Windsor-White. Report attached.

**Staff Reports** presented by Bernice Rivera, Stacy Shelton, Doug Wirt and Cathy Myers Wirt, are attached to these minutes.

**Executive Committee Report:** Knight/D.Wirt reported from the Executive Committee the following decisions:

- 1) Committee approved of a minor change of wording for the Bargain and Sale Deed which transferred the McMinnville First Christian Church title back to the congregation. The title has now been transferred and recorded with Yamhill County.
- 2) Committee approved a check for the remaining funds from Oregon Department of Transportation to be sent to McMinnville FCC. The amount of the check was \$28,772.22. The check has now been sent and cashed by the congregation.
- 3) Committee decided to list the former First Christian Church Myrtle Creek property for sale after learning that the tenant congregation was holding its last worship service in September. The initial list price is \$249,900. Several parties have looked at the property, but currently there have been no offers.

**Commission on Finance and Administration (COFA)** report made by Doug Wirt.

A chart with budget from 2019-2022 plus the 2023 Operating Budget that was proposed was distributed before the meeting. After discussion, it was *moved/seconded by Hudson/Clabaugh* that the budget be approved with one correction in the title of the document, the year to be 2023 instead of 2020, which was a typo in creation of the document. *Motion passed.*

The Financial Audit for 2021 created by contracted CPA Troy Reichlein was presented to the board. This is an annual business item of this board. Appreciation for Liz Cronin, our Regional Bookkeeper, was expressed in her efforts to help us to receive for multiple years a sound audit. *Moved/seconded Curtis/Parrott and the audit be received. Passed.*

**Commission on Ministry** presented by Shari Eggleston, Co-Chair and is attached to these minutes. Received.

**New Church Team** presented by Bernice Rivera, Chair and is attached to these minutes. Received.

**Anti Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team** presented by Brenda Mikota and is attached to these minutes. Received.

**Pastoral Relations:** No Report

**Goals and Directions Committee** Verbal report presented by First Vice Moderator, Eric Eide. He reported that the Regional Elders have been meeting to move forward in efforts initiated by the Regional Future Story process. He has been in conversation with Regional Elder, David De Bow.

**Personnel Committee** Sandy Berry, Moderator-Elect/Chair Personnel presented report and it is attached to these minutes.

**Business Item from the Commission on Finance** A proposal was brought from the Commission to pay the camp deposit of \$2,590 to Suttle Lake Camp for a camping program being planned for the western districts congregations. Erin Curtis noted that the Burright funds donated by her family may be used for youth ministry in accordance with their family's wishes. *Moved/Seconded by Eide/Curtis to approve this proposal. Passed.*

**Annual Fund** presented by C. Wirt and is attached to these minutes.

### **Previous Business**

1. A proposed change to Covenant and Guidelines, our governing documents, was presented to the board's June meeting for a first reading and came to this meeting for a vote. *Moved/Seconded by Mikota/Hudson* that this amendment to approved. *Passed.* The amendment was as follows:

*Article 3, Section E be amended by deleting the first sentence.*

*E. SECOND VICE MODERATOR [delete: The Second Vice Moderator shall be the chairperson of the Regional Assembly Program Planning Committee]. The term of office shall be two years and the Second Vice Moderator may be eligible for reelection for one succeeding term.*

2. A proposal to review the Governing Documents of the Regional Church was brought to the June board meeting. At that time the board directed that a timeline for that project be brought to the November meeting. Timetable was proposed as follows: Request that Executive Committee appoint a review committee and bring that slate to the February board meeting for approval, and that this recommendation include which regional staff member(s) will be assigned to help with this work. Next, it was proposed that the review committee bring a draft of revised documents to the June 2023 meeting for a first review/reading. This draft would then come back to the November 2023 board meeting for final review/vote. *Moved/Seconded Ingram-Rich/Clabaugh that this timetable be approved. Passed.*

## **New Business**

1. Chuuk Island Project: Pacific Islands Family Church is collected funds and material for shipment to the Chuuk Islands because of rising sea levels and the difficulty of growing crops and securing food.
2. Youth and Outdoor Ministries Conversation: The board engaged in a discussion about the processes for planning and implementing church camp programming and the roles of districts and the regional church in accomplishing this important work. No votes were taken. The consensus was that the tasks of listening to stakeholders in the camping program, with an effort at listening to a wide variety of people/congregations, and the implementation of the program for summer 2023 be divided. This discussion will continue with report back from the Executive Committee to implement next steps, engage volunteers and determine staffing.
3. Regional Assembly 2024 *Moved/Seconded by DeMond/Mikota* that the Executive Committee bring a slate of members for a Regional Assembly planning committee to the February 2023 board meeting for approval, and that this recommendation include the staffing proposed to related to this work. *Motion Passed.*
4. Thanksgiving Offering was announced for November 13-20. A video prepared by Regional Staff highlighting the recent student Rev. Geonyul Byeon was highlighted.
5. Christmas Offering was announced. The theme is “Repeat the Sounding Joy” and video and print resources are under production to be sent out in mid-November.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

1. Pastoral Transitions: Red Rock, Portsmouth, Peniel, Rio de Dios, Principe de Paz, Lebanon, Albany, Grants Pass
2. Northwood CC Springfield held groundbreaking for a new location and current facility is listed for sale
3. Treasure Valley CC, Caldwell, Idaho has donated land for Veterans housing project
4. Portsmouth Affordable Housing Units are schedule to open soon on their site
5. Pastoral Sabbaticals scheduled, recently completed and in progress: Hood River, Pendleton, Eugene FCC
6. McMinnville 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated in September

## **UPCOMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED**

November 9	Tulsa Talks with David Bell, White Swan, WA
December 7	Commission on Ministry
January 21	Financial Practices Workshop (Recording of Sept 23 event)
January 28	Online Women’s Ministry Event with Dr. Sharon Watkins
February 4	Regional Board
February 8	Tulsa Talks: African American Disciples

Closing meditation led by C. Wirt

**NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Myers Wirt