

MidAmerica Region Board Meeting

September 23, 2014

7:00 PM Central- Call to Order

Board members Present: Bill Sasso, Charlotte Preston, Eric Huffer, Tom Sommerfeld, Dave Martin, Kyrie Bock, Doug Cauble, Janis Cheney, Ian Evison, Cindy Landrum joined at 7:07

MidAmerica Staff Present: Nancy Heege, Lisa Presley

7:01 PM – Opening Readings

Vision Statement

Board Covenant

7:06 PM Consent Agenda

Appointment of Process Observer David Martin & Charlotte Preston as timekeeper

7:08 PM Review and Possible Adaptation of the Learning Network Covenant – Tom Sommerfeld dropped suggestion that congregations covenant, and it reverted back to delegates covenanting

In response to comments from folks in the region, Cindy Landrum made some changes to the covenant

Tom Sommerfeld moved to accept amendment proposed by Cindy Landrum, second by Eric Huffer, some discussion regarding the wording, vote taken, new version adopted unanimously, Cindy Landrum & Bill Sasso will work to make the examples more active tense(Attachment A).

7:30 PM Discussion regarding MidAmerica Board Governance Model/Statement-report from Dave Martin, proposed that group will do further research of Chait model, get info out prior to October conference call, discuss then and possibly adopt, possibly start learning process at November retreat, Bill Sasso is putting this on the agenda for each meeting.

7:45PM Report from Communications Working Group – report from Charlotte Preston,

Recommendations for board workshop at Regional Assembly, added by Charlotte Preston to talk about the stories that are being shared or need to be shared, Janis Cheney suggested adding discussion of covenant

8:00 Discussion of Outreach by Board – members reported progress, Nancy Heege will send out list of contacts in electronic form, Bill Sasso will also send out information about request from UUA board regarding annual fund outreach

8:10 Sabbatical Insights (Ian) – appreciative of the gift of a sabbatical, shared experiences of talking to millennials and their role in the future, David Martin suggested sharing a session on this at Regional Assembly, Cindy Landrum reminded him of Gen-X as a group to consider as well.

8:15 Executive Session-not needed

8:16 PM Process Observer Comments-Board was on task, participated and prepared, ARAOMC recognized in discussion regarding Gen-X, Board honored covenant,

8:20 PM Closing Words – Ian Evison

8:30 PM Adjournment-moved by Tom Sommerfeld, second Janis Cheney, vote taken, approved unanimously