

April 8 2011

Attending: Lynda Shannon, Barb Atlas, Tim Murphy, Bart Frost, Beth McGregor, Kim Hampton, Joan Benziger, Melodie Feather, Walt Wieder, Eva Marx (Board), Mary Alm (DC 11), Carolyn Saunders (DC 12), Jan Sneegas (Director GACS)

Visiting: Nan White (Up for election on to the GAPC, Beaufort, SC)

Absent but joining via phone: Ginger Brown

Opening

Approve minutes

- Amend the minutes to include Joan in the conference call
- Amend both minutes to include Carolyn

GACS Director's Report

- Melissa's title has been upgraded
- Office is trying to keep us up on social media and we're staying on the cutting edge
- Housing
 - We had a 1000 more room nights, and are working to increase rooms
- Got the Crowne, hoping to add the Doubletree and Blake
- Registration
 - 1429 this year as of April 4th, numbers project 4200
- Stacy is volunteer coordinator
 - Reduction in the volunteer pool
 - Not staffing Off-site Voting
 - Names were sent to volunteer committee folk
- Budget is looking good
- No major concerns about 2011 right now
- 2012
 - Participated in a meeting with staff about 2012
 - Tim Brennan requested Jan create a budget for 2012
 - Just a starting point
- 2013
 - Requested budget 2 years out
 - Just a placeholder for now
 - Contracted at the Marriott, the Gault House, and trying to get the Hyatt but we are holding out because of labor issues
- 2014

- Labor issue was resolved
- CVB is thrilled to have us in Providence
- Jan will start to begin the contract process shortly
- 2015
 - Just completed a site visit to Portland and San Jose
 - Portland looks great
 - San Jose has a couple of drawbacks
 - CC has some issues
 - Plus was two hotels touching CC, rest are a ways away
- Reception after Opening
 - Cupcakes?
 - Do we want beverages?
 - What about coffee and tea for purchase?
 - Rent water bubblers
- Next year's dates
 - 9/13/11 arrival for GAPC meeting
 - April meeting 12-15
 - June 18-25
 - Boston 9/12/2012 -9/16
- GAPC reception
 - Thursday after SoLT in the Westin

Report from ARE Conference

- Informal conversations
 - People are excited about 2011
 - People are confused and causing concerns
- Need to frame our discussions
- Thoughts about participating in a sense of urgency and coming in with "white savior syndrome"
- 2012 needs to be relational

Conference Call with President Peter Morales

- Concerns about the Sunday Morning Worship
 - Need Peter to be clear in the future with Worship Leaders that they are a part of a team
- Imam Rauf
 - Will be at GA Thursday
 - Friday after plenary, book signing, then leaving
- Karen Armstrong
 - Still working out details

- Ware
- Two speakers on Saturday in a workshop David Hinojosa
- Stewardship and Development reception plans
 - Not during grid worships
- What will the ask in plenary for 2012?
 - Will be discussed at Board meeting
 - Need to know what and when
- 2012
 - Ware Lecture
 - Dalai Lama
 - Plan B is ...
 - Staff Criteria is in agreement with our GAPC vision
 - Relations to local groups
 - Individual fears

Debrief

Plenary

- Sunday Morning Worship
 - Worship leaders in Brazil for April
 - Changing some aspects to make it more familiar
 - Bart to talk to Lucy tomorrow about Service Project and fleshing it out.
- Friday morning worship
 - Ginger has a call into Leslie Takahashi-Morris, but Leslie has it under control
- Choir registration
 - Do we need more registration volunteers?
- Saturday Worship
 - Progressing well
- Copyrights and Permissions
 - UUA hired a consultant
 - Draft letter is filled with inaccuracies
 - Consultant is not an attorney
 - Needs to go through legal counsel
 - Edits suggested from the Planning Committee
 - Next year, we need to start with the people selecting worship leaders and give them a list of things to "Beware of..."
- Synergy
 - Trying to extend the definition of bridging

- Has been a difficult process
- AR/AO/MC Script Lens
 - Went over the the OoServices
 - Talk about evaluations
- SoLT
 - Good
- Opening
 - Good shape
 - Maybe sending the draft to the AR/AO/MC for a draft look
 - Native American piece into the chalice lighting

Programs

- Booth for 2012
 - Sun Principe is helping revise some of the information
 - Brochures from our partners in arizona
- Chaplains
 - Need one more, one backed out
- Right Relations
 - Garner Takahashi-Morris is chairing
- Elections
 - Candidate's Forum
- Banner Parade
 - Joan will be doing it
 - Greg Boyd will be working with Banner Parade
- Public Witness
 - Going to be in a public place
 - Working on details, it is the A&W office's responsible

UUA Board Report

- By-law amendments
 - There was a team appointed about the by-law amendments regarding AIWs
 - Team decided to keep the section re-instating AIWs
- 2013
 - Stating "prior to 2013 there will be no AIWs"
 - Second step is then to introduce a by-law amendment to see if the GA wants to abolish AIWs
 - Third, it will be suggested that the Board create a taskforce to look at AIWs
 - Restructuring the Board

-Amendment to let people amend amendments to Article 2 on the floor

-MFC

-Amendment to allow Off-site Voting Process

-Nancy Bartlett shared the questions that came from the GAPC Conference Call

-Monitoring

AR/AO/MC Statement

-A statement was drafted, but never acted upon.

-Discussion about the policy and the statement

-Further discussion of policy to happen at September meeting to develop a relational piece.

GAPC Meetings

-PC Room is Mecklenberg Suite @ the Omni

-PC is meeting at 5 on Monday

-All GAPC meeting after SoLT 9-10:30 @ Westin

-Tuesday Night AZ and CSW 6-6:45 and AZ 7-8

-Thursday morning GA-AG 7 am Show suite

-Whole District Sunday

-Board and PC Dinner in Gini's Suite @ 6 PM

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Attending: Lynda Shannon, Barb Atlas, Tim Murphy, Bart Frost, Beth McGregor, Kim Hampton, Joan Benziger, Melodie Feather, Walt Wieder, Eva Marx (Board), Mary Alm (DC 11), Carolyn Saunders (DC 12), Jan Sneegas (Director GACS)

Visiting: Patty Cameron, Kathy Charles, Kim Melton, Lucy Neel, Steve Reins, Cindy Fox, Karen Arajo, Jerry Gaynor,

Absent but joining via phone: Ginger Brown

Convention Center Debrief

-Openness

-Little places that are broken up

-Loved the decor, the green space, the welcoming aspect

-One person rented a car, found it easy to drive into town

-Taxis are flat-rates, \$25 for two people plus 2 dollars per person

-Light rail and public transportation are really easy and convenient

- Proximity of hotels are nice
- Layout will be challenging for people, because of the division and the

L-layout

- Will need to provide volunteers and signage
- Will need to explain the airwall situation to the Exhibit Hall
- We will need to explain to people to arrive early
- There will be bottlenecks, and we will need to be able communicate
- Can switch the escalators so we can have 3 out of 4 going down or going up based on times
- Brainstorming solutions
- Let scooters come down before doors are open, no one else

GAPC and Volunteer Committees part

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Restructuring the Agenda for today

Feedback and Evaluations

- Added and changed things in order to adapt the the form to this General Assembly
- Feedback about Opening Celebration, Closing Celebration, Attendance of Phoenix, and New Media

Childcare

- Do we want to allow field trips?
- Yes

Prep for call with Harlan

- Express gratitude and support
- PDG for next year, what changes do we need to make for next year and what other participants do we need to include?
- Do we need to start with this early?
- How are youth and young adults are involved in the PDG?
- Feedback questions
- Who on staff will be doing accessibilities?

Prep for meeting with youth

- Ask directly what would be helpful from us
- Are they happy with the programming?

- Youth participation in opening

Offsite Voting Taskforce

- Limited focus to the plenary and mini-assemblies
- Explanation of process
- Seeing the queue on the screen
 - Problem about fairness
- There isn't a relational piece
 - Creates a risk to turn the delegates against it

Vision for 2012

- Agreement around Lynda and Tim's draft grid

Prep for Discussion with GA-AG

- Getting together at GA
- Have they seen the staff criteria?
- Lynda's draft and response
- GA 2011

Phone Call with Harlan

- Changes we need to make for the PDG next year
 - Doug Zelinsky, asking him to make get together happen
 - Have a discussion about how to get youth and young adults

involved

- Depending on the ultimate vision, this could be the GA that engages Youth and Young Adults the most ever

that
ever

- We would need them involved very early
- Scheduling a time for meeting
- Feedback questions
- Staff Accessibilities portfolios
 - Mark Burnstein
 - What will be his involvement in providing the opportunity for all those that want to be in Phoenix?

those that

- As the vision develops, he will become more aware of the challenges

the

- Mark needs to be brought in because it might be helpful to have him attend a General Assembly to understand

have him

Accessibility at GA before 2012

- Any Questions for us?

2012 -We already answered his question about our vision for GA

Meeting with Youth Caucus Staff

Attending: Lynda Shannon, Barb Atlas, Tim Murphy, Bart Frost, Beth McGregor, Kim Hampton, Joan Benziger, Melodie Feather, Walt Wieder, Eva Marx (Board), Jan Sneegas (Director of GACS), Noel Burke (Sr. HUUPER), Sara Surface (Jr. HUUPER), Annika Nichols-Paine (Youth Chaplain), Leigh Friedman (Youth Chaplain), Lauren Eaton (Advisor and Sponsor Coord), Kathy Smith (Advisor and Sponsor Coord), Andrew Weber (Adult Chaplain), Abhi Janamanchi (Sr. Worship), Elissa MaDavid (Jr. Worship Coord), Luke Gayeski (FUNTIMES), Jennifer Channin (Adult Chaplain), Jeremie Giacoia (Leadership Dev Associate), Tandi Rogers (Interim Director of OYYAM)

-Questions from the Youth Caucus to the GAPC

-Designation of gender-neutral bathroom?

-There will be one and there will be signs

-What will the Public Witness event be?

-We do not know yet, but when we know you will know as

well

-Plans for the Evening Programs

-There will be movies, music from Pete Leary on

Saturday,
on Friday

Goddess Diaries Thursday, the Dance

-Who are the Youth Staff's go to people?

-Kim is your go-to person, Walt is Right Relations

-Plans to reduce the impact on the environment?

-We work with a company called MeetGreen

-Every GA we up the bar in our greening, we do recycling,
composting, provide greened materials, push

hotels to buy

sustainable energy or sustainable

energy credits, and we

evaluate our process

-We are one of the top "green" meetings, top 1%

events, like

-How can youth get involved in entire General Assembly
worship?

except

-We try to build it into our major plenary hall worships (all
SoLT)

Closing

-We will be inviting youth leadership in the Opening and

- Opening Celebration
 - Looking to involve 3-4 youth
 - Already scripted
 - Possible list of names tomorrow
- GAPC would like further youth involvement
 - We would like youth voices in Opening, Closing, First-timers'

Reception

- Questions from Youth Caucus (redux)
 - What did the YC do last year that we liked?
 - Invited folks into the space
 - What do we expect from Youth Caucus?
 - Powerful worships, en masse at the mics, and really representing our faith
 - Ya'll have a tradition of doing good things
 - Good turnout and support for the Public Witness and

Service

- "I want to be able to see 2-3 youth in every corner of the convention hall"
- Fill your seats
- 50th Anniversary Booth
 - Gab-ze-bo
 - We want the youth to stop by and share their stories

Debrief

- We don't have a meeting with the Young Adult leaders at anytime, if we have a question pass it along to Jeremie
- The culture seems to have shifted, "what can we do to make you proud" was interesting
- A lot of feeling of wanting to contribute
- It'd be a good idea to get Patty Cameron in contact with the Youth Caucus

Discussion with GA-AG

- Present: Leslie Takahashi-Morris, Patricia Jimenez, Sun Principe, Paul Langston-Daley, Gini Courter
- GAPC would like to get together with the GA-AG at General Assembly
 - Proposed 7AM meeting in show suite, awaiting confirmation
 - Information about 2012, sample grid
 - GA-AG brainstormed a list of FAQ

- Main messaging
- Staff Criteria for 2012
 - Haven't seen it yet, but has been in contact with Harlan
- Brochure and messaging for 2012
 - We will need to involve the UUMA
 - We were asked to mobilize around immigration in AZ, will be around the 4 ways Lynda drafted, many ways to participate, the goal of this General Assembly is about increasing the capacity of the participants' tool-belt to take back to their congregations
- Need to break the myths around GA 2012
 - Use of the Convention Center
 - You can only come if you are willing to stand in 104 degree heat
 - How will accessibility concerns be handled? What is being done to address the concerns of people of color/latinoa? Safety concerns around youth and young adults.
 - What will happen to my favorite parts?
 - What should our congregation be doing to prepare?
 - Who are our partner organizations in Arizona?
 - How have the labor practices of the hotels we are using been addressed?
 - Will there be worship? might be a good question
 - Immigration is not my issue, why should I come?
 - I don't want to go to Phoenix and get arrested (doing civil disobedience).
- It is a chance to highlight the best practices of the General Assembly
 - Expanding the role of Right Relations and increasing the number of chaplains all around
 - Thoughts about RFP for service projects
 - Partners on the ground (POG)
 - Very excited that we are coming
 - There are folks asking for a concrete plan
 - UUMA involvement will be really helpful in increasing worship
 - Questions of doing something like the SoLT in a justice GA
 - Decisions that will have to be made shortly that the GA-AG should be thinking about
 - Speakers that will inspire and set the tone

- Ways that worship can be inspiring and healing
- Shaping up the idea of "Request for Proposal"s
- Need to have a way to allow guests

Discussion with Gini

- Talking about an early grid draft
- FAQ sounds like a good idea
- Pushing people to resources

Process Observation

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Present GAPC list, not Walt

Kathy Charles, Gerry Gaynor

Debrief from GA-AG Discussion

- Leslie is awesome, but concerned there are still people wondering why we are using the Convention Center
- Lynda will go home and draft the FAQs
- SoLT, clear up confusion over question mark
- Process observation from last night: That we need to clear up confusion
- GAPC, GA-AG and Staff all seem to be on somewhat the same page

Questions that the Board will discuss next Saturday

Closing

- Journeys of Justice
- Music is historical
- Very sensitive of AR/AO/MC issues
- Will be using Standing on the Side of Love
- Installation will be a bridge between the Plenary and Closing

To-Do lists

Motions

Motion 1

Site for GA 2015

The GAPC recommends Portland, OR as the site for the 2015 General Assembly.

Action: Eva brings to the Board. After approval, Jan implements.

Passed unanimously.

Motion 2

Financial Aid

**Moved that the GAPC Financial Aid scholarships be awarded to
24 applicants for a total of \$10,835 as detailed in the report by the
Scholarship Committee.**

**Action: Melodie will send list of recipients and amounts to Jan.
GA office will notify all applicants of the Committee's decision.**

Passed unanimously.

Messaging for GA 2012

Check-out