

February 28th, 2017

In attendance: Jan Sneegas (General Assembly and Conference Services), Rev. Chip Roush (Chair), Debra Gray Boyd (Co-Vice Chair), Ila Klion (Co-Vice Chair), Katherine Allen (Secretary), Mary Alm, Rev. Jenn Gray, Tuli Patel, Samuel Prince, Jolanda Walter (Local Arrangements Chair 2017), Gaby Kusko (Local Arrangements Chair 2018), Leon Burke (GA Music Coordinator), Denise Rimes (Vice-Moderator to the Board of Trustees)

Proposed:

Accept the January meeting minutes.

APPROVED

Registration and Housing (Jan Sneegas):

--If you are staying at a hotel with a master account, you need to fill out the master account request form. Jan will re-send the link this afternoon.

Warren Brown's proposal for hearing loop in New Orleans (Jan Sneegas)

--Warren thinks that a partial hearing loop is not a good idea.

--Lots of positive feedback about the hearing loop last year.

--Warren would need to have his GA expenses covered to install the hearing loop again this year.

--There is a strong need for the hearing loop at GA.

Potential scholarship limit increase (Jan Sneegas):

--Previously we supported \$250 a person + registration (\$360) with a match of \$250 from a congregation to go for breadth rather than depth in scholarship funds.

--Do we want to increase it to \$500 + registration? This would increase the funds per individual, offering better economic accessibility, but would decrease the number of people the funds could be offered to.

--We are currently not interested in increasing the scholarship limit. We would like to continue to go for breadth and try to reach the most people.

Youth and Young Adult Proposal

--The Youth and Young Adult Office would like to be able to give up to \$800 per person in scholarships.

--This would mean we would give smaller scholarships than the youth and young adult office.

--Can we work with the office to create a hybrid? \$250 for a match from the GAPC, plus potentially \$300 in extra scholarship from the Youth and Young Adult Office?
--The GA website doesn't have much info on it about YA scholarships/age range.
Could this be updated?

--Jan confirmed that it could be updated.

BLUU Scholarships

--BLUU scholarships: where is the information? What do the scholarships look like?
--If BLUU provides the match, would that work?
--We are sending Samuel to BLUU convening.

Southern Region Film

--Chip Roush: GAPC film a video and give it to southern region. Film early during the April meeting, and then send it out.
--Jolanda Walter: We will just make a short video during our April meeting for them.

Promoting GA on Social Media (Ila Klion)

--We should start promoting General Assembly as a place to learn how to do faith-based social justice.
--Jan Sneegas: UUA is just starting to promote GA and more advertisements should be out shortly.
--Public relations are starting to happen, but it would be great if there were more.

GAPC Exec Elections

--Send name to Samuel by April 1st if you are interested in any of the positions.
--If you are interested in being chair, don't book your GA flights yet as you will need to stay later.

Report from Zoom Call with UUSC, UUA, LREDA, CELSJR, and more on 2/17 (Debra Gray Boyd)

--Minutes of meeting were sent to us.
--Big group, people are getting excited!

Online Audio Recordings of Workshops (Jan Sneegas)

--Very few people are downloading these workshops
--Jan will send us the metrics of the downloads
--Denise Rimes: Can we know how many people are downloading the power points?

Chaplain Requests

--Alex Holt is requesting to have a co-head chaplain for an extra \$500

--We are not funding the request at this point, the money currently allocated is meant to support in person and online chaplaincy, and that can be done however it is deemed necessary.