

Sept 15th, 2016

Morning:

In attendance: Jan Sneegas (General Assembly and Conference Services), Rev. Chip Roush (Chair), Rev. Jenn Gray, Debra Gray Boyd (Co-vice chair), Ila Klion (Co-vice chair), Katherine Allen (Secretary), Mary Alm, Samuel Prince, Tuli Patel, Jolanda Walter (Local Arrangements Chair), Jim Key (Moderator of the Board of Trustees), Denise Rimes (Vice-Moderator to the Board of Trustees), Ruth Idakula (Organizing Manager of CELSJR)

Proposed:

Accept the June and August minutes.

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Change Grid to put regional meeting time from 5:30-6:15 pm on Wednesday, June 21st.

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Proposed:

Accept the Grid as amended.

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Director of GACS Budget Report with Jan Sneegas, Director of General Assembly and Conference Services

--Many budget increases to realistically reflect how much money we spend on different services

--Budget with the idea of zero-sum budgeting; income should match expenses

Conversation with Jim Key, Moderator of the Board of Trustees

--Request for 100 scholarship registrations for Board first-time delegate scholarships

--Discussion about switching Parliamentarian and Lawyer Budget to UUA BOT Budget

--Discussion over expectations for participation, Jim and Denise cannot be here all the time

Afternoon:

Zoom with Michelle Favreault, Worship Arts Team Chair, and Leon Burke, GA Music Coordinator

- Worship Arts Team to work as a team instead of individually on worships
- January meeting to discern overall arc of worship and start to flesh out individual services
- Balance between need for worship scripts and flexible service structures to include more cultures of worship needs to be thought about
- Switching up liturgy design
- Clarity over who is in charge and how information is shared/communicated; there is still confusion about who is in charge of the Worship Arts Team and how the WAT and the GAPC should communicate
- Please more precisely define duties, expectations, and scope of GA Music Coordinator; a document would be helpful (update the contract)

Conversation with Ruth Idakula, Organizing Manager of CELSJ

- Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal final contract has been completed
 - Gives a better idea of scope and process
- Give CELSJ the task of coming up with ideas for Sunday morning ask, and not have a local Social Justice Coordinator for this year as CELSJ is doing that job (as per model in Phoenix)
- Reflection Groups: usually better done when a specific group has responsibility over them, have worked well as conversations over lunch
- Pre-GA event for extra social justice training: would be great, some conversations are in the works, the training fees would need to cover the cost

Proposed:

The Center will bring us the name of the suggested group(s) for the local Social Justice Project

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Conversation with Jolanda Walter, Local Arrangements Chair

- Traveling Chalice: Jolanda requests that we please expand description of this duty in the job description of the Local Arrangements Chair
 - Jolanda created a chalice shipping kit that seems to be working nicely
 - \$25-\$29 per congregation to ship (many of them are covering the cost)
- Baton Rouge: working on establishing relationships
- Home hospitality: website established (uuhomestaynola.com)
- Jolanda requested pipe and drape to hang banners on in NOLA, as was done last year in Columbus

Task Assignment

Proposed:

We do not name anyone as WAT liaison at this time.

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Sept 16th, 2016

Morning:

Meeting with Youth and Young Adult Ministries

--Requests for Additions:

\$4000 for new Thrive Project

\$19,775 for new YaYA POC scholarships

\$1,500 budget increase for YA@GA

\$1,500 budget increase for Youth Caucus

--These requests are made in the hope of bringing more youth and young adults of color to GA by allowing the office to give out greater scholarships and provide more programming for youth and young adults of color.

Budget Discussion With Jim Key, Moderator of the Board of Trustees

--Where should the costs of governance during General Assembly lie?

--Electronic voting is potential for the future; the \$800 of pilot costs for electronic voting will quickly become quite substantial for future GA as the voting is expanded.

Chaplains

--Overworked due to number of people requesting meetings for both matters related and not related to General Assembly

--Would an honorarium for Chaplains help with the work?

--What do the Chaplains need to make their job more reasonable?

--We agreed that Chaplains should be ordained ministers due to the complex nature of the job and the demands it imposes.

GA App Conversation with Don Plante, General Assembly and Conference Services

--Feedback results from app (yes, it does exist)

PDG may find this useful

--Yes, we can create users for RRT, GAPC, Chaplains

--Link surveys with data from app? Going to see what is possible

--Word clouds for important themes

--Real time feedback is possible (including polls!)

Afternoon:

Budget

- Added \$270 to the Right Relationship Team budget in order to help the team to serve the off site delegates as they serve the on site delegates
- Put \$3000 in Chaplain budget line and take \$1500 out of volunteer budget line
- 300 partner registrations will be made available for those working with us in New Orleans
- Registration will be set at \$360 for regular registration, and \$410 for late registration
- 4600 registrants (approximately) needed to support budget
- How do we be sustainable long-term?
 - Throw open the doors for this GA and then shorten budgets in the future?

Proposed:

Accept the registration increase proposed by GACS staff for 2017 to \$360 for regular registration and \$410 for late registration.

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Presidential Candidates

- Rev. Chip Roush will draft a letter to the candidates to convey our hopes and aspirations about the GAPC-President relationship to them.

Sept 17th, 2016

Morning:

Proposed:

We will open the opening celebration for New Orleans to the public.

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- We need to acknowledge the sacredness of the convention center space due to critical role it played during Katrina

Afternoon:

Next steps taskforce: Samuel Prince, Rev. Jenn Grey, Mary Alm

Will work to try to come up with a list of GAPC values for reference when making GAPC decisions

Proposed:

Any member of the GAPC can take part in crafting and supporting General Assembly business items as individual delegates not representing the views of the entire GAPC. However, whenever business arises that may impact the functioning of the GAPC, the GAPC shall decide whether they as a body or as individuals may publically engage in the process of crafting and/or supporting such matters.

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Proposed:

Reject UUA Youth and Young Adult proposal to increase congregational match for scholarships.

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Budget Discussions

--How do we balance the value of financial sustainability with our other values?

--This budget is a faithful risk for a pivotal point in time

We recognize that we are risking a portion of our reserves with this budget

--We will need to rein back the budget significantly for future General Assemblies

Proposed:

Accept the Budget as written.

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Sept 18th, 2016

Morning:

--January 12th: By 5:00 p.m. in Kansas City

--January 15th Don't leave before 3:00 p.m.

--Jan strongly suggests to go through UUA flight booking due to potential weather delays

Who Owns the Banner Parade?

Proposed:

Jolanda Walter (Local Arrangements Chair), Sue Boone, and Jan Sneegas (Director of General Assembly and Conference Services) will work to create the banner parade this year

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- Mary Alm will put together a draft of what the January Reception will look like in future years before the October phone call
- Rev. Chip Roush will check with Michelle on how she would like to work with us and if she wants/needs a WAT liaison
- WAT should give us a written report monthly before our phone calls, and the Chair will let WAT know when these phone calls are

Proposed:

We ask the Board Liaison to be here for the full time of our meetings, and we ask the Moderator to be here for at least one day, including some community time (dinner and/or some informal conversation), and for more if they are able.

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- Note: For a future agenda we spend a considerable amount of time talking about the role/position of the Music Coordinator at GA
- Note: We spend time on a future agenda talking about January Reception
- Note: Rev. Jenn Gray, Mary Alm, and Samuel Prince will come up with a timeline to report out for their subcommittee on GAPC values

GAPC Task List, 2016-2017

Plenary Hall/Worship And Celebrations	2017
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Gifts and Gratitude	Mary Alm
Constituencies	
Right Relationship Team	Katherine Allen
Chaplains	Jenn Gray
Young Adult	Debra Gray Boyd
Child Care/ Day Camp	Tuli Patel
Youth Caucus	Katherine Allen
The Latino(a) UU Networking Association Liaison	Chip Roush
Interweave Liaison	Samuel Prince
Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries Liaison	Chip Roush
Allies for Racial Equity Liaison	Debra Gray Boyd
Equal Access Liaison	Jenn Gray
Transgender Religious professional UUs Together Liaison	Samuel Prince
Council on Cross Cultural Engagement	Chip Roush
Black Lives Matter UU	Samuel Prince
Professional Group Liaisons	
Liberal Religious Educators Association Liaison	Tuli Patel
UU Ministers Association Liaison	Chair
UU Musicians Network Liaison	Leon Burke
Association of UU Administrators Liaison	Tuli Patel
District Presidents Association Liaison	Ila Klion
Programs	
Program Development Group	Mary Alm, Debra Boyd
Orientation	Chip Roush, Tuli Patel
Public Witness	Ila Klion
Feedback process	Katherine Allen
Evening events	Katherine – Dance; Samuel
Social Media	Ila Klion
Transparency and Manual Revision	Mary Alm
Task Force	
Actions of Immediate Witness Alternatives	Samuel, Chip
GAPC and Ends of the Association	Katherine, Debra, Ila

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