

October 26th, 2016

In attendance: Jan Sneegas (General Assembly Conference Services), Rev. Chip Roush (Chair), Debra Gray Boyd (Co-vice chair), Katherine Allen (Secretary), Rev. Jenn Gray, Jolanda Walter (Local Arrangements Chair), Mary Alm, Samuel Prince, Tuli Patel, Jolanda Walter, Leon Burke (GA Music Coordinator), Denise Rimes (Vice-Moderator to the Board of Trustees), Ruth Idakula (CELSJR), and Deanna Vandiver (CELSJR)

Minutes

--Request to return to minutes and edit them before we approve the September meeting minutes

How many people can attend church in Kansas City? Should everyone be required to attend?

--Sufficient number of people to attend church, most of us should be able to attend.

--Ila Klion and Katherine Allen would struggle to attend church, not expected to attend this time.

--Leon Burke welcome to attend, but not expected.

--We would like people to attend church whenever possible during non-Boston meetings.

Deanna Vandiver and Ruth Idakula (Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal)

--Deanna and Ruth serve as primary contacts around public service and witness, how should they proceed?

--Jan Sneegas will help loop Deanna and Ruth in with UUA to make this go more smoothly

--Commission on Social Witness is sending in lots of questions informally, can we have a more formal conversation? How can Deanna and Ruth be in better relationship with the CSW?

--Rev. Chip Roush will send out joint introductory email to help start formalized conversation between CSW and CELSJR so that they can keep each other appraised of what is going on.

--Deanna and Ruth request that the GAPC gives regional staff resources on Radical Hospitality to talk about during ingathering, so that we can better model it during opening worship

--We do not manage opening ingathering, could still give resources to them to use if they want to.

--There will most likely be a pre-GA training with the People's Institute about undoing racism, and People's Institute is looking at submitting a workshop proposal to the PDG

- Pre-GA training is still in the works (Tuesday and Wednesday before GA)
- We have space for the training; just not sure how many people will fit yet
- Keep Don Plante in the loop to ensure space conflicts do not arise
- Expect written proposal from Carrie Stewart about this training in the near future
- LREDA is working with CELSJR to organize a workshop during professional days

Leon Burke (GA Music Coordinator)

- UUMN liaison to GAPC, what are the specific expectations around this role?
- Please keep Leon in the loop to make sure expectations are clear

Tuli Patel

- Attended Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Discussion around switching structure of UUA membership fees
 - Talked about NOLA 2017, intersectionality, BLUU, and creating tracks at GA
 - Trustees were not sure why parliamentarian fees should be move to the Board budget from the General Assembly budget
 - Jan Sneegas had conversation with Tim Brennan (UUA CFO). If we took parliamentarian out of our budget, we would still be expected to pay for it and we would have not control over it. Tim feels that if it happens at GA, it should be a part of our budget and drawing lines between GA and governance would be difficult. Jim Key wants to know what our cost of governance is, wants all the costs to be in one budget cost center.

Tim Atkins (Board of Trustees) requests that we talk to him about when and how we think we should be reporting to the Board of Trustees

- Seems like a unique conversation for us given that we attend Board meetings and our Board liaison attends our meetings, will have the conversation later.

January Template

- Would be good to have a conversation about what the GAPC and local people think General Assembly is for during the meet and greet
- Rev. Chip Roush will contact Ila Klion and ask if she has made progress finding a Local Arrangements Chair for 2018

Site Update from Jan Sneegas and Katherine Allen

- Richmond has great conference center, low on rooms in the block
- Atlanta has very high fees for hotels
- Katherine Allen, Jan Sneegas, and Don Plante are going to Providence next week for the final site visit
- Difficult to find an excellent place for our convention in a seller's market

Phone Call in Late November/Early December:

- Jan Sneegas will send out a doodle to arrange the meeting
- GAPC members will report back on task forces