

OMA Board Meeting 11/18/02

Jeff Pulmann-Becker, Bud Schroeder, Gary Halstead, Greg Pitman, David Knight, Curly Stumb, Dale Dressler. John, Thomas, June Boutwell, Lorin Cope and others came and went as they were available during the meeting.

An Update was given on Consult planning committee work.

Discussed possible rate increase. The consensus was that a rate increase is justified. It has not been raised for several consults. **It was decided that we would raise the fee from \$300 to \$325.**

Preconsult - Kathy Trotter from Kaliedescope will lead preconsult - Professional development leads into planning which leads into fundraising. **We will ask UCC stewardship people will be part of the conversation on fundraising.**

Maren Terenbasy and Byran Serchio will return as our worship and music leaders.

Food, Program, Director/Manager, Office, Maintenance/Facilities are the workshop tracts.

Board suggested a workshop or a roundtable on how to work with other denominations for a joint camp how do you do Outdoor Ministries without a site. Sharing programs and sites with other denominations.

June told us about Ecucamp.

We need someone on the board to recruit leaders for roundtable discussions once they arrive at consult .

We will revisit the panel discussion before we leave tomorrow and maybe replace it with another keynoter.

Can John Thomas talk about National Goes to Camp?

Ask Micky to bring information on RAC of ACA

RAC received a Lilly grant looking at OM effect on call. Call. **June will call Karen-Marie Youst regarding the grant and the information that is being gathered.**

Jeff will contact Charles to see if there is a church or group that has or can build a temporary labyrinth for Consult.

It was suggested that Nancy Ferguson could talk about curriculum at round table, workshop or keynote.

What do we need people to bring

Graces

Building plans

Song books

Brochures

John Thomas came to visit with us.

Missionary at camp. National could help us with the US government blocking visas.

How can we give OM a larger presence at Synod. T-shirt day is not announced ahead of time. **June will work on getting information on the t-shirt day in the advance material.**

OMA could sponsor an after hours gathering.

John asked, Do we know of any churches that summer camp is a part of their pastor's call agreement. How can we encourage this?

Discussion on how we can strengthen and use our relationships between camps and seminaries.

John needed to leave for another meeting

Board will meet before consult on the 27th (Arrive on the 26th).

Board meets again on the 5th of March.

We discussed how to recruit new board members. The board members need to know that they will be on the board so they can plan to meet after consult.

Adjourned for supper.

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Lorin Cope gave us a tour of the offices

From 10:00 - 12:00 we met with National staff members

David Holden - Adult education and Men's ministry.

Would like us to inform him of men's events in our conferences and in our sites. Would like us to bounce ideas with him on what men want. **We need to have Cynthia contact him for doing a program workshop at consult**. David was very willing to be there with us.

Steve Johnson - Higher Education

Steve participated in camp ministry for much of his life. Also participated in National Goes to camp at John's River.

Catawba College has a concentration in Outdoor Ministries.

Can Steve help encourage colleges and their young adults to consider camp work or internships as part of their studies? **Steve suggested a common brochure or flyer that he could help distribute.**

If grant money comes through they will be building a database of young people who show a gift for ministry and they will ask us to help gather names and information. **Steve will provide a form that we can ask young people to fill out.**

Timothy Stavetig - United/Pilgrim Press Publisher.

We expressed a concern that we need a resource packet which will help us to preview the curriculum. We need this provided in a timely manner.

United Church Press is where the curriculum will be housed and we should check this web site for information.

We asked, can there be an adult piece to go with the youth curriculum?

Jeff expressed a concern for the lack of UCC names in the list of curriculum writers.

Timothy asked for a list of names of UCC curriculum writers.

A word of welcome from the guy that June asked to stop by (sorry, I didn't catch his name). He is the Executive Minister of local church ministries.

KC Ackley - Volunteer Ministries

KC Encouraged us to submit our programs and sites into her two publications one for groups (work projects) and individuals (Partners in Service). They are also on line at the volunteer ministries page www.ucc.org/ministries/volunteer

KC explained some of the procedures for having foreign guest work at our camps under visas.

We asked if we can we have all those details of where to find what you have to do to get visas etc. on a web site?

June has recommended Paula Martin (she is new at Camp Adams in Oregon) for the Multiracial multi cultural implementation team. **Jeff will call Paula and ask if she is interested and if she could report to us at the Consult event in Texas.**

If Paula cannot maybe Mickey at Pilgrim Pines since she works with more multiracial multi cultural populations at her camp. Kerry Bean might be another option if Duboise works with populations from St. Louis. Sharon Davids from Illinois, Shirely with MoVal. **Jeff will contact Paula**

We discussed who could serve as or UCC person on the National Council of Churches Committee on Outdoor Ministries representative. Meets once a year (this year January 14 - 18) and this person also sits on the writers outline committee. Our current representative has missed the last two meetings and we need to replace her. **Jeff and Bud have offered to serve.**

June asked us to take writer application forms back to our OM committees. She needs names of people in the UCC to help write the curriculum.

June has met two young men that she met in California that she feels would benefit greatly from attending and meeting folks at Consult. We discussed possible financial aid. The consensus was that OMA could help with \$100 each. (I'm sorry I did not get the names)

We asked the question, how does OMA fit into the structure of the UCC? Do we need our own non-profit status? Are we included as camps listed in the national directory? Can we get the OMA name listed in the directory? We are the successor organization of NACOMM and do we maintain our status by that successor ship.

Lorin spoke with the lawyer who he had been meeting with earlier who said that we since we all represent a conference, we should just use one of the conferences non-profit statuses. Outdoor Ministries is named in the mandates of the UCC as one of the ministries of the UCC and that is why we have June. Perhaps this will help if we find that our legal existence in question.

Jeff will send a letter to Joan Melian regarding Deering Center and its sale. The understanding we have is that the money from the sale would go to support the continued ministries of camps in the UCC.

Can we as a board sponsor a ropes course training session? We will ask folks at consult if they would be interested and pursue this at a later date.

Can we encourage current ACA accredited camps to serve as mentors of our non-ACA accredited UCC camps looking towards becoming accredited. This is a project that the Deering money might help us fund.

We digressed into a free discussion on Insurance, ACA, sexual misconduct, professionalism, etc.

National goes to camp. We will use basically the same form as last year. Notices will go out next week to camps. We will encourage early replies.

Other business

June passed out the form for the annual denominational report to NCC. **We will give feed back to Jeff and June and they will fill it out.**

June also passed out the curriculum writer recruitment form. She is looking for all kinds of curriculum writers not just OM curriculum.

Some members took samples of the 2004 curriculum to review and give feedback to June.

We helped Curly as he planed the worship for Wednesday.

We adjourned until we close with worship with the national staff on Wednesday.