

Fall 2016 Gateway Mission Center Conference
November 12, 2016

The conference opened with a welcome by Jamie Varvaro. He introduced Mary Hammond, Matt Britt, Barb Borkowski and John Wight. He also introduced Travis McFarland as the pianist.

The worship service was opened with Hymn 350 "We Are a Family of Faith" followed by a prayer by Mary Hammond. The call to worship was given by Jamie Varvaro with a reading from Matthew 14. The peace candle was lit by Glenna Henry, and she said a prayer of peace.

The congregation then sang Hymn 373, Verse 1 & 2. A testimony was given by Barb Borkowski about church camp and then we sang Verse 3. John Wight gave a testimony about discernment and then we sang Hymn 153. We sang Verse 4 of Hymn 373 followed by a testimony given by Apostle Janné Grover about being in Liberia. The conference participants then sang the final Verse 5 of Hymn 373.

The offertory statement was given by Toni Fantini. Today's offering, after conference expenses, will be given to East St. Louis Community Camps.

The pastoral prayer was given by Matt Britt followed by singing Hymn 384.

Jamie Varvaro called the business meeting to order. He said that John Wight was the parliamentarian for the conference.

Mary Hammond told the attendees that the minutes from April 16, 2016 were available on the website and had been posted for review before the conference. She asked if there were any changes. Jeanne Murphey said that her name as shown on Page 3 should be "Murphey". A motion was made by Mary Hammond to accept the minutes with the correction. It was seconded and a vote was taken and carried.

Brad Dunigan provided everyone the "Camp Woodland Hills Report to Fall Conference". He said that CWH continues to provide a safe environment for the youth and the Mission Center. Brad said that Terry Trammel retired. The board did hire Colin and Christa Barbour as the new caretakers. Page 16 of the conference materials lists the CWH Board Members. He said that Glenda McClain was on the CWH board for a number of years. She would no longer be on the board, but he thanked her for her help and service at CWH.

Brad told attendees that the board would like to change the pools to a salt system in the future. Several maintenance and facilities concerns have been addressed including the leaks in the toilets. The kitchen dishwasher was not working. The repair and replacement estimate was \$7,000. However, a switch under the dishwasher was found which resets the dishwasher. It is working okay now and that may take care of the problem.

- Replacement of the windows and skylights in the cabins will be done by the start of camp in 2017.
- Pump House: An emergency generator is needed and the board will take on that project.

Brad said that there were two workdays in 2016.

Brad said that there is a Resolution on Page 9 of the conference agenda to distribute the GMC Office Sale Proceeds which includes donating \$53,505.48 to CWH. \$35,000 will be used for immediate needs and the rest will be placed in a CHW Operating Reserves. . Brad thanked everyone for their continued support for CWH.

Jamie Varvaro then provided the Mission Center Presidency Report. He called attention to Page 20 which recommended that the GMC sustain the appointment of the Mission Center President's Team with Jamie Varvaro, Matt Britt, Mary Hammond and Amy Hoerchler which will be chaired by Jamie Varvaro, Mission Center President.

Jamie said that the team used to meet with former GMC President, Ann Warner each Sunday. Since Ann Warner's illness the team focused on World Conference preparation. He said that a large ministry that Ann provided was in youth camps. The GMC is pleased to have Amy Hoerchler share in Mission Center building. Jamie asked everyone to share ideas, thoughts and suggestions with the Mission Center Presidency Team. He said that Ann Warner served with such kindness, devotion and compassion and is a testimony of Christ. Her love for the GMC is without end. Jamie said that the GMC Team wanted to recognize Ann Warner today, but she was unable to come. The GMC Team will get a lasting gift in her name to thank her for her dedication.

Matt Britt said we should continue to send our cards and to make phone calls which will reassure Ann that we care for her and are so appreciative of her dedication. Matthew said that he looks forward to continuing to support the GMC.

Mary Hammond said that Ann Warner did so much for the GMC. She loves everyone and has such a great presence. We should reach out to her and let her know we care.

Jamie Varvaro announced that we would break for lunch which was provided for everyone. Todd Davidson gave the blessing on the food.

Jamie Varvaro welcomed everyone back for the afternoon session.

Deb Yount then read the Gateway Mission Center Missionary Grant Resolution on Page 5. A motion was made by Connie Argotsinger to accept the resolution as printed. It was seconded. Deb explained that there would be \$1800 in grants available this year. They could be paid three grants at \$600 each or six grants at \$300 each depending on the number of grant applications received. Pages 6-8 explained the process to submit a request for grants and the application form. A vote was taken and carried.

Amy Hoerchler read "Distribution of the Gateway Mission Center Office Sale Proceeds" listed on Page 9 of the conference handout and made a motion to approve them as printed. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken and carried. Disbursement of the funds is outlined on Page 9 which includes \$11,890.10 to the World Church and \$53,505.48 disbursed to Camp Woodland Hills. A breakdown for the use of those funds is shown on Page 9. The remaining funds will be disbursed to Gateway Mission Center and deposited into the Mission Center Operating Reserves (Currently \$53,505.47).

Amy Hoerchler stated that Pages 10-14 show the 2015 audit of the Gateway Mission Center. An internal audit was conducted by Gary W. Dodson. Audit information is included in the conference handout which shows that spending is in line with income. The summary sheets reflect all income and expenditures for the GMC, Camp Woodland Hills, Peace Mobile and Imani Mission. Fund balances are shown on Page 14. Amy made a motion to accept the information and was seconded by Laurie Decker. A vote was taken and carried.

Amy Hoerchler then made a motion to accept the 2017 Proposed Gateway Mission Center Budget outlined on Page 15. She stated that the income and expenditures shown are through September 30, 2016. Amy also said

that congregations are asked to increase their pledges by 4.12% which will increase the GMC income by \$2,630 for 2017.

Amy called attention to the increase in staff expense for 2017. An additional \$10,000 has been added to the budget due to the loss of World Church support of \$10,000 yearly for MCP support. She also said that the Mission Center Financial Officer will increase hours from 25 to 30 hours per week. The above motion to accept the 2017 Proposed Budget as printed was seconded. A vote was taken and carried.

John Williams then presented the 2017 Proposed Budget for Camp Woodland Hills and 2017 Camp Woodland Hills Board Members as shown on Page 16. John motioned to accept the 2017 Proposed CWH Budget as printed and it was seconded. A vote was taken and carried. John said that there were four open positions on the Board and asked for nominations. Danny Thomas was nominated. Four other people were already shown on Page 16. A silent ballot was taken and each person voted for four people. The ballots were collected, and the results will be provided by the Gateway Mission Center. It was announced to the Mission Center on November 18 via Constant Contact email that Dennis Andrae, Danny Thomas, Craig Snethen, and Mike Thayer had been elected to the CWH Board.

John Williams made a motion to accept the 2017 East St. Louis Community Camp Budget shown on Page 17 and was seconded. A vote was taken and carried.

John Williams called attention to Page 18 which lists the names of the East St. Louis Community Camp Board. There will be three open positions on the board for 2017. The MCFO nominees for 2017 are listed and are: DeAndre Taylor, Darwin Walker, and John Williams. A vote was taken to approve them.

Jim Owens then made a motion to accept the 2017 Budget for the Gateway to Peace Museum shown on Page 19 which was seconded. Jim called attention to the line item "Truck sale" in the amount of \$5,700 (blue book value). The Peace Museum no longer uses the truck. Camp Woodland Hills wants to purchase it for \$5,700. The board is exploring that option now. Questions were raised about selling the truck and why it was no longer needed by the Peace Museum. Jim said that the Peace Museum has their exhibits stored in a trailer and that there are several people with a truck that can transport the exhibits. A vote was taken on the above motion and carried.

Jim Owens also brought attention to Page 18 regarding the Gateway to Peace Museum Board Members. There are only five filled positions. The board will fill the vacancies as stated in the by-laws. They are actively seeking members. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact Jim Owens or Matt Britt.

Apostle Janné Grover called attention to Page 20 to sustain the appointment of Jamie Varvaro, Matt Britt, Mary Hammond and Amy Hoerchler to serve as members of the Mission Center President's Team which will be chaired by Jamie Varvaro. A motion was made by Clara Tremaine to sustain the appointments. A vote was taken and carried.

Apostle Janné Grover referred to Page 21 which is to sustain Amy Hoerchler, Tony Fantini, Deb Yount and Rob Ryder as members of the Mission Center Financial Officer's Team which will be chaired by Amy Hoerchler. A motion was made by Linda Andrae to sustain the appointments. A vote was taken and carried.

Apostle Grover referred to Page 22 regarding the recommendation for Linda Andrae to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. A motion was made by sustain Linda. A vote was taken and carried.

Jamie Varvaro, Matt Britt, Mary Hammond and Amy Hoerchler were set apart as the Mission Center Presidency Team. A prayer was given by Apostle Janné Grover with the support of High Priest Barb Borkowski and Seventy John Wight.

Linda Andrae was set apart as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister. Seventy John Wight offered a prayer for Linda and was assisted by Apostle Grover.

Matt Britt presented the 2017 Gateway Mission Center Leadership shown on Page 23. A motion to sustain the mission center recorder, historian, and council as printed was made by Jeanne Murphey. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken and carried. The Mission Center Council and Finance Committee members are shown on Page 23. A motion was made to sustain the officers and was seconded. A vote was taken and carried. Don Britt made a motion to sustain the Finance Committee Nominations of Gene Austin and Bill Overhauser. A vote was taken and carried. The Mission Center Ministers and Officers listed on Page 23 were supported with a show of hands. Mike Thayer was added for Men's Ministry.

Matthew thanked everyone for their support of the Gateway Mission Center Officers for 2017.

Jamie Varvaro asked if there was any new business. Rick McKane who is on the Finance Team said that "Banks require organizational minutes before allowing name changes on accounts. Due to the changes in all levels of leadership, World Church Presiding Bishop; Gateway's Field Apostle; and Gateway's Mission Center President and Financial Officer, I'm making the following motion:

Amy Hoerchler, as Mission Center Financial Officer, John Williams as Bishop, Barb Borkowski as Central Field Support Minister, and Stassi Cramm as Presiding Bishop should replace all past mission center, field, and Word Church leadership (i.e.: Ann Warner and Stephen Jones) on all Gateway USA Mission Center of Community of Christ financial accounts."

It was seconded and a vote was taken and approved.

Amy Hoerchler gave an update on the Belle property. She said that she is getting an appraisal of the property and is checking on an auction for February, 2017.

Lois Thayer thanked everyone for their prison ministries contributions. Patti Kome Howell said that the next women's ministry will be on April 22, 2017 at Columbia, MO.

Amy said that there were items left from the Campus Ministry program, and they would be used for attendance gifts. There were two drawings at the conference. A \$25 Visa Card was won by Debbie Yount. Craig Snethen won an I-pad.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian Gardner and was seconded. A vote was taken and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Britt, Secretary