

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TRES RIOS AREA, CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST  
November 20, 2014

The Board of Directors of Tres Rios Area, Christian Church of the Southwest (TRA) met by telephone conference on November 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. mountain time. Patrick opened the meeting with prayer. Members present included Charlotte Hoppe (Lead Minister of Mission West CCSW), Karakay Kovaly (Minister for Youth and Young Adults and Communications for Mission West CCSW), Patrick Crocker (Moderator), Lana Covington (Secretary), Marta McLaughlin, and Linda Mervine. Guests present included Art Tambur.

The minutes of the March 21, 2014, board meeting were presented. Lana made a motion to accept the minutes; Marta seconded the motion; and the motion carried.

The minutes of the Area Assembly on April 26, 2014, were read. The 8 page report presented by Karakay was not attached. Art remembers receiving the report at Area Assembly. Linda made the motion to accept the minutes as presented with the understanding that Karakay's report would be attached. Marta second the motion, and the motion carried.

The balance sheet for October 31, 2014, was reviewed. The following items were noted:

- Account 2315 "Beans and Rice Reserve," with a balance of \$450.00, will be distributed to First Christian Church in El Paso for their Beans and Rice Program.
- Account 2318 "Oil & Gas Lease Reserve" is a new fund to record money from the Highland Christian Church Hobbs, NM grant. The balance in the fund is \$8,143.09, which is ½ of the grant received and is available to congregations with less than 100 members to initiate or support projects outlined in the "Highland Christian Church, Hobbs, NM Legacy Fund Grant Policies and Guidelines." The other half has been used to support Charlotte's activities
- There has been no Christian Church of the Southwest (CCSW) Regional Council meeting since August, and CCSW is behind in distributing Reconciliation and Pentecost Funds, but they are keeping up better.
- The total received from the Highland Christian Church, Hobbs, NM trust was \$18,165.00.
- \$11,881.83 was used to pay off the balance on the note on the car.
- The net income was a deficit of \$4,687.68.

The income statement through October was reviewed. Tres Rios Area (TRA) incurred payroll expenses from January through May. In June, Mission West picked up that expense.

Lana made a motion to accept the balance sheet and income statement, and the motion passed.

The "Report to CCSW Regional Council, Mission West (CEA/HPA/TRA), dated August 17 – 18, 2014 and prepared by Charlotte and Karakay was reviewed. The report addresses the formation of Mission West, statistical information about the congregations, search and call activities, a collaborative summer camping ministry, details about the camps that were held throughout Mission West, and other activities of Charlotte and Karakay. Charlotte also mentioned that Mission West plans to complete the process for becoming its own 501(c)(3) entity in 2015.

Karakay presented her report. She will talk to Art about a request for funds from the August Park Trust. December 5 is the deadline for December 28 – 31 "Gospel According to Frozen" at Glorieta. An Elementary Family Retreat will be held at FCC, Las Cruces with a trip to White Sands National Park February 13 – 14. There is a high school and junior high school retreat on February 20 – 22 with the theme, "Hunger Is Not a Game." Camp dates have been sent out, and registration forms will probably be sent in January. There will be a Mission West Youth Leadership meeting at FCC, Lubbock, on January 10. She also mentioned that MW needs help from people who are passionate about communications.

Art Tambur presented historical background about the Austin Park Christian Trust Fund (APCTF). The fund was established when Austin Park Christian Church disbanded and set aside a permanent fund to be used by TRA and set guidelines for the use of those funds. The trustees include 5 members of the Board of Trustees and the Area Minister. At one time members had to be members of the Border Cluster of TRA, but that was changed to allow selections throughout the Area. The trustees serve 5 year terms with a limit of 2 terms. When the church in Las Vegas, NM disbanded, it contributed approximately \$225,000.00 to the fund. The mortgage which comprised a large amount of the trust, was paid off in 2014. Linda Mervine expressed thanks for the high level of integrity of the trustees.

The Board needs to approve the change to the trust document. The change to the trust document is in Section 3 and the resulting section is as follows:

"Trustees shall be selected from throughout the Tres Rios Area. Each Trustee shall be elected (confirmation by the Tres Rios Area Board) for one (1) five-year term, not to be eligible for more than two consecutive terms. If this entity ceases to exist the Trustees shall only be obligated to appoint members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)."

Marta made a motion to approve the changes; Lana seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Marta made a motion to approve the following trustees for the APCTF:

Marty Hamilton (one year term)  
Art Tambur (three year term)  
Jerry Hobson (five year term)

Trustees are being sought for the two year and four year positions

Lana seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Art further recommended that the records of the ATPF be moved from his house and Marty's house and stored at FCC, El Paso.

Patrick will seek nominations for the APTF Board of Trustees.

The Board reviewed a "Reconciliation Funds Grant Proposal" from FCC, El Paso. The request is for \$5,000.00. There is \$6,022.00 on the balance sheet in that fund. Marta made the motion that the proposal be accepted; Linda seconded the motion; and the motion carried.

The Proposed Budget for 2015 was presented. Lana made a motion that the proposed budget be approved; Marta seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the signers for the bank and Church Extension accounts. Charlotte proposed that Patrick, Charlotte, Diane Goode, and Deborah Gifford (bookkeeper) be added as signers for those accounts. Linda moved that those signers be approved; Lana seconded the motion; and the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm mountain time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lana Covington, Secretary, TRA