

GALA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 9:00PM ET/8:00 CT/7:00 MT/6:00 PT

Present:

Erin Cavanaugh (President 2015-2016)
Stephen Donahoe (Vice President 2016-17)
Jerry Dale, Jr. (President-Elect 2016)
Saundra Merth (Secretary 2016)
Lisa Meyer (Treasurer 2015-2017)
Pam Robison (Undersecretary for Publications 2016-2017)
Brittany Mangelson (Member-at-Large 2016)

Regrets:

Cindy Campbell (Chaplain 2016)
David Brosh-Hansen (Member-at-Large 2015-2017)
Dan Gregory (Member-at-Large 2016-2018)

Call to Order by President Erin Cavanaugh
Prayer for guidance/direction by Lisa Meyer

Approve the minutes from the January 16, 2016 Board Retreat. S. Donahoe moved to approve minutes; P. Robison seconded; motion passed.

Approve the minutes from the March 28, 2016 Board Conference Call. L. Meyer moved to approve minutes; P. Robison seconded; motion passed.

Reports

- President's Report—Erin Cavanaugh
 - Brittany Mangelson is new Member-at-Large. Came to Community of Christ over a year ago as an LDS seeker. Leads Project Zion podcast. Lives in the Salt Lake City and is part of starting the area GALA affiliate.
 - P. Robison moved to approve B. Mangelson to fill J. Dale's Member-at-Large spot, which ends in January of 2017. L. Meyer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- Nominating Committee Report—Jerry Dale, Jr.- Nothing new to report at this time. Need two GALA members who are not on the board to join the committee.

Updates/Progress/Action Item(s)

World Conference 2016 June 4 – 11, Independence MO

- Diversity Booth will only let us be part of the booth if brochures are in English, Spanish and French. Currently we don't have brochures in French. One option is to redo the brochure with many fewer words and translating them into Spanish and French. L. Meyer is going to do the first draft by April 24th.
 - There is only one table for the whole Diversity Booth. Only open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - Will give away lanyards and lapel pins.

Strategic Plan Progress/Membership Call

- Next Membership Call—Topic: State of the Organization- May 22nd
 - L. Meyer will discuss finances and membership
 - P. Robison will answer questions on the website and communications and the Independence affiliate
 - B. Mangelson will talk about the GALA affiliate in Salt Lake City
 - J. Dale will talk about World Conference
 - S. Donahoe will talk about the international retreat and the fundraising effort
 - E. Cavanaugh will lead the call

International Retreat 2016 Labor Day Weekend September 2 – 5 at Doniphan.

- Point Person/Committee for Planning/Coordination
 - Committee: E. Cavanaugh (point person), P. Robison, S. Donahoe, L. Meyer
- Fundraising Progress
 - S. Donahoe reported that he is making progress in reaching out to potential donors. Have raised roughly \$1,400 out of the \$6,000 goal.
 - This surfaced the issue that at this point we have not been sending gift acknowledgments for donations. Talked about how we would like to find a way to do thank yous.

2017 Retreat

- Planning for Red Cliff in Utah- Tabled until the next call.

Affiliate Status

- Salt Lake City Affiliate Application- Seth Bryant is going to be the contact person for the affiliate. The application has been submitted. P. Robison moved to approve the application; L. Meyer seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- Restarting Independence Affiliate- Had a great first meeting recently and are working on application.
- Michigan Affiliate is currently not an active affiliate, but E. Cavanaugh is working to revitalize.

Newsletter

- Decided to do a brief newsletter in May, which will include a retreat registration form.

Adjournment

E. Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 9:59pm. Next Meeting will be May 23, 2016 at 9 pm ET/8 pm CT/7 pm MT/6 pm PT