

Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2016 GALA Board Retreat, Independence, MO

Erin Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Members Present:

President – Erin Cavanaugh (remainder of 2015-2016)
Immediate Past President – Saundra Merth (2016)
President-Elect – Jerry Dale, Jr. (2016)
Vice President – Stephen Donahoe (2016-2017)
Treasurer – Lisa Meyer (2016-2017)
Undersecretary for Publications – Pam Robison (2016-2017)
Member-At-Large - Dan Gregory (2016-2018)

Absent:

Chaplain – Nancy Cervi (2015-2016)
Member-At-Large - David Brosh-Hansen (2015-2017)

Office of Secretary – Erin Cavanaugh recommended Saundra Merth for the office of Secretary to fill the remainder of the term (2016). Motion by Lisa Meyer, Supported by Stephen Donahoe to elect Saundra Merth to the office of Secretary. Motion Carried.

Position of Member-At-Large – Erin Cavanaugh appointed a nominating committee to provide recommendations for filling of this office for 2016 as well as finding candidates for offices up for election in July of 2016. Jerry Dale, Jr. will chair the nominating committee. Dan Gregory and Pam Robison were also appointed to this committee. Dan Gregory requested a list of current GALA members. Jerry Dale, Jr. volunteered to look at the organizational PayPal account and ensure that it is set up appropriately. Saundra Merth and Stephen Donahoe will work together to send out a membership and dues reminder to previous members.

Approval of November 2015 Minutes – Motion by Pam Robison, Supported by Dan Gregory, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

Nominating Committee – Positions open for election in July of 2016 include:

Treasurer-elect

(serves 2017, becomes Treasurer 2018-2019, Immediate Past Treasurer 2020)

Secretary (2017-2018)

Member-At-Large (2017-2019)

The Nominating Committee must also include two GALA members who are not on the Board of Directors. Jerry Dale, Jr. will find these two members to complete the committee.

Meeting with First Presidency – Erin Cavanaugh and Sandra Merth shared an update related to their meeting with the First Presidency of the church the previous day.

Review of Sunday Service – Pam Robison reviewed the expectations related to the Sunday Service provided by GALA at Open Arms on 1/17/16.

Future of GALA – Members reviewed the Vision and Mission Statements adopted at the 2015 Board Retreat. Members engaged in a Strategic Planning process, including brainstorming important tasks for GALA. The framework used included the image of the Table and ensuring that all have a place at the table in the Community of Christ. Members brainstormed a five-year strategic planning process with one-year objectives under each goal. SMART objectives were formed and the Strategic Plan was prepared to be published to the membership. Please see the attached plan for further details.

2016 Annual GALA Retreat

Robin Linkhart has agreed to serve as the guest minister at the 2016 GALA Retreat to be held at Camp Doniphan. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the cost of holding the event at Camp Doniphan. The approximate cost of \$275 per person is a great deal more than typical costs for GALA Retreats, yet the membership at the 2015 Retreat clearly stated a preference for Camp Doniphan as a location. Motion by Erin Cavanaugh, Supported by Dan Gregory, to use the unanticipated overage from the 2015 GALA Retreat to offset the costs of the 2016 GALA Retreat. Motion Carried. In addition, the Board determined to hold targeted fundraising to assist in lowering the costs for all attendees of the 2016 GALA Retreat. Stephen Donahoe offered to lead this fundraising effort. After much discussion, there was a Motion by Erin Cavanaugh, Supported by Lisa Meyer, to hold the 2016 GALA Retreat at Camp Doniphan. Motion Carried. The Banquet Theme will be “Back to the Future” to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of GALA.

2016 International Conference – Discussion on this agenda item was tabled to the February Board Call.

Finances – Lisa Meyer gave a quick update on the financial status of the organization. Questions were asked and answered.

Newsletter/NewsBlast/Website – Pam Robison asked for opinions on the website and various areas of the website. Members decided to add Board Minutes to the website for members information.

Temple Planting - Pam and Charlie Robison will ensure that this occurs prior to the World Conference in June 2016.

GALA/WCN Cooperation – Jerry Dale, Jr. led a conversation about the expectations and future possibilities for cooperation between the two organizations. This will be an

ongoing conversation to ensure that the organizations are cooperating to the best of our abilities in ways acceptable to both organizations.

Adjourn – Erin Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.