

GALA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 28, 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)  
Lisa Meyer (Treasurer 2015-2017)  
Pam Robison (Undersecretary for Publications 2016-2017)  
Dan Gregory (Member-at-Large 2016-2018)  
David Brosh-Hansen (Member-at-Large 2015-2017)  
Cindy Campbell (Chaplain 2016)

Absent:

Saundra Merth (Secretary 2016)

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

The minutes from the January 16, 2016 Board Retreat were tabled until the April call.

Minutes from the February 22, 2016 Board Conference Call: E. Cavanaugh moved, P. Robison seconded, approved unanimously.

## **Reports**

Nominating Committee Report—Jerry Dale, Jr.

J. Dale has begun sorting through membership lists to get ideas for board positions. E. Cavanaugh has leads as some leads in the Salt Lake City.

GALA/WCN Cooperation Committee—Jerry Dale, Jr.

J. Dale reported that it might be best to wait until next year to have a face-to-face meeting because of the hectic schedule of the year with World Conference.

## **Updates/Progress/Action Item(s)**

### **Strategic Plan Progress/Membership Call**

- Call Feedback Received
  - P. Robison- Good turnout, good start.
  - D. Gregory- Went really well; next time put out a couple suggestion questions in advance for the membership to think about during the call.
  - E. Cavanaugh- Salt Lake City people are interested in the next call. Did receive an email from a member who had some complaints about the call. Best feedback from this is to enable members to ask questions ahead of time from the call.
  - J. Dale- Great first step.
- Topic for Next Membership Call

- J. Dale suggested a state of the organization update, which was a popular idea. E. Cavanaugh would lead the conversation, but different board members would take on different sections. The call is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT.

### **World Conference 2016 June 4 – 11, Independence MO**

P. Robison, D. Gregory, J. Dale and C. Campbell will definitely be there. E. Cavanaugh will try to go for some portion.

- Service- P. Robison reported that we can use the Open Arms congregation. J. Dale suggested a noon service and a candlelight vigil. He and P. Robison will lead planning on this.
- Booth- J. Dale reported that he has heard that the booths will only be open for the first weekend. We may need to revisit and revise brochures for the booth. L. Meyer reported that we have plenty of pens and lanyards that we can give away. J. Dale reported that WCN will be giving away t-shirts. E. Cavanaugh suggested a bumper sticker idea using Community of Christ with the “unity” letters in rainbow.

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

- Theme: “Come to the Table”
- Robin Linkhart guest ministry
- Fundraising Progress- S. Donahoe reported that the fundraising effort has been put on hold due to the challenges at the church. L. Meyer said that we are right around \$1,400 right now of the \$6,000 goal. E. Cavanaugh and P. Robison will reach out to people who have received scholarships to see if we can feature their stories in the website. E. Cavanaugh and S. Donahoe will talk on May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss this effort and begin to move forward on next steps.

### **2017 Retreat**

- Planning for Red Cliff in Utah
  - It is much cheaper, but is also very rustic.
  - Weather is likely to be mild.
  - There is no cook, so we would need to hire someone.
  - The cabins have air conditioning, but the tabernacle and eating area are open air.

### **Latter Day Seekers Update—Erin Cavanaugh**

- Had a wonderful trip to Utah. Had at least 6 GALA memberships that she brought back. They are well on their way to start a GALA affiliate. Had an event with at least 20 people attend at the Salt Lake City Community of Christ. Also spoke during Sunday school. Encouraged people participate in Sunstone events.

### **Memberships Discussion**

- L. Meyer reported that the mailing we did was very expensive. S. Merth brought up over email that our membership is down compared to previous years. S. Donahoe and L. Meyer both encouraged looking at the numbers over the course of the whole year, not just this quarter.

### **Other Business**

- P. Robison- mentioned that there will be a meeting in Independence, MO soon to discuss restarting their affiliate.

**Adjournment at 10:19pm ET**

Next Meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 9 pm ET/8 pm CT/7 pm MT/6 pm PT