**UMMAS**

**Unity of Savannah, Savannah GA, February 2–4, 2015**

Attendance: David Torres, Susan Torres, Ron Lindhan, Dale Worley, Ed Kosak, David Hiller, Margaret Hiller, James King, Leah King, Maureen Levy, Francie Potter, Warren Potter, Eileen Douglas, Richard Talley, John Strickland, Brenda Strickland, Pat Veenema, Jervais Phillips, Kay Phillips, Charles Perry, Larry Henson, Kim Henson, Bronte Colbert, Jackie Mace, Anna Quintana, Victoria Loveland-Coen, Julia Johnson, Paula Zabcar, Beth Boilett

**Monday, February 2nd Heart Checks**

**Tuesday, February 3rd Heart Checks Con’t**

 **11:45 Meeting Begins**

1. A question had arisen about whether UMMAS is open to interim ministers. It was discussed and here noted that our By-Laws do not need to reflect a change regarding interim ministers. They are welcome. After further discussion, it was agreed that UMMAS is not, however, an appropriate meeting for ministry “partners”, such as board members, administrative staff, girlfriend/boyfriend, but is open to associate ministers.

**KA NUGA:**

1. Bishop Carlton Pearson is coming for $2500 plus expenses. He will be arriving on Monday and will be with the ministers on Tuesday morning.
2. Penny will be our registrar again this year.
3. Evaluations still say ‘give us more free time’
4. Decided on New Thought Revival as the opener for Tuesday evening. Dale, James and Kyle will put that together.
5. Theme discussion
	1. **21st Century Revival and Renewal**
		1. Format discussion

**LUNCH BREAK 12:30**

**MEETING RE-CONVENES 1:45**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

1. Overall we are only down $1300, so really good.
2. Tithes are up due to use of 10% discretionary tithe from previous year
3. David recommends we have a default recipient of discretionary tithe
4. **Pat suggests that the current discretionary fund be split between Dale, James & Kyle**
	1. **Ed seconds; all in favor**
5. David further proposes that Dale, James & Kyle be paid for the New Thought Revival at Kanuga. Jervais suggested $600.
	1. Bronte seconds; all in favor
	2. Dale then stated they do not need to be paid
6. Ed moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report
	1. Maureen seconds; all in favor

**KANUGA CONTINUED:**

1. 3 suggestions were posed on how to structure the event this year:
	1. 3 UMMAS ministers doing “Ted Talk” followed by a Q&A
	2. 6 Uni-talks with Q&A on 2 different days
	3. 1 UMMAS keynote doing two 45 minute slots
2. Discussion – 2 more ideas added & discussed:
	1. Dale, James & Kyle doing the keynote
	2. Have only Bishop Pearson as keynote
3. Took votes on ideas:
	1. Option #1 (3 UMMAS ministers, etc) – 3 in favor
	2. Option #2 (6 Uni-talks, etc.) – 0 in favor
	3. Option #3 (1 UMMAS keynote, etc) – 1 in favor
	4. Option #4 (Dale, James & Kyle, etc) – 17 in favor
	5. Option #5 (Have only Bishop, etc) - 2 in favor
4. **Schedule:**
	1. Tuesday night - New Thought Revival keynote
	2. Wednesday a.m. & p.m. – Bishop Carlton Pearson
	3. Thursday a.m. – New Thought Revival keynote
	4. Wednesday workshops:
		1. 1:00 – 2:30 – David
		2. 1:00 – 2:30 - Charles will offer walk
		3. 1:00 – 2:30 – Ron
		4. 2:45 – 3:45 – Bronte
		5. 2:45 – 3:45 – Beth
		6. 4:00 – 5:30 – Anna
		7. 4:00 – 5:30 – John
		8. 5:00 – 6:00 – yoga
	5. Thursday workshops:
		1. 1:00 – 2:30 – Eileen
		2. 1:00 – 2:30 – Neusom
		3. 1:00 – 2:30 – Kay will offer walk
		4. 1:00 – 2:30 – Pat will offer outdoor journaling
		5. 2:45 – 3:45 – Larry
		6. 2:45 – 3:45 – Julia
		7. 4:00 – 5:30 – Victoria
		8. 4:00 – 5:30 – Brenda
		9. 5:00 – 6:00 – yoga
	6. Ron must have your workshop blurb by April 1st
	7. **Put on the agenda for May to discuss a process for workshop sign-ups from here on out.**
	8. Mural:
		1. Have Kim take a photo to share since the postage is to costly to continue mailing it to different churches
		2. Richard proposes that we do smaller ones and share them digitally this year.
		3. Charles proposes we just use new canvas in existing frames each time
		4. Francie suggests we auction each canvas off but cost may be too much to replace the canvas.
		5. Richard can just gesso and re-use
	9. Margaret would like to see more participation at the Kanuga de-brief
	10. **Dale asks to re-visit the issue of pay for the New Thought Revival team. Stated that he should not have spoken for the three of them and they would graciously re-consider being paid.**
		1. **Ed proposes $1500 for the three to divide**
			1. **Charles moves, Bronte seconds, all in favor**
	11. Bronte would like to see a prayer box and a collection box available and she will take care of both

**JULY LEADERSHIP:**

1. **Atlanta, July 17th & 18th**
2. What are our needs?
	1. Chaplaincy renewal; Board; Technology; Youth & Family; Volunteers; Diversity; Multi-Generational;
	2. Discussed proposal received from Felicia Searcy about presenting
	3. Brenda stated she has a contact for a corporate trainer on Team Building if we’re interested in that
	4. **After discussion, we agree on 3 “tracks”:**
		1. Brenda’s contact for Cohesive Team Building
		2. Diversity: Between the Lines with Richard and his workshop partner
		3. Technology; Jeff Sandy from Chattanooga came up as a possible presenter
	5. $**750 plus expenses for each track**

**REQUESTS:**

1. S.E. region offers a $500 scholarship for any student wanting to go the ordination track – LUT, FLP They are currently unable to do that. Do we want to take up that slack and add to what we already give? We also have 2 requests for funds for SEE who want to enter the ordination track.

* 1. Discussion
		1. We don’t wish to offer money for SEE classes
			1. Discussion and following proposed:
				1. **“UMMAS shall provide a scholarship of $500 to a person who is an active member of an active UMMAS church if they have 1.) been accepted into Unity Institute and, 2.) has been invited by Unity for the interview process.**

**Charles seconds; 14 for, 9 against; passed**

**Board will make adjustment to policy to include all tracks**

2. **Pat Veenema is asking for $250/month for 3 months to help cover her living expenses while she waits for the next opportunity to open up for her.**

* 1. **Pat leaves discussion**
	2. **Bronte moves to approve; Ed seconds; all in favor**

3. James shares about Mills River Unity’s current financial situation with a new minister and limited funds. Extends an invitation for churches to consider a tithe to them.

4. Retreat Center Opportunity: James presents the property details. Discussion. Everyone agrees to forgo on it at this time.

**May UMMAS meeting will be in Myrtle Beach, May4th – 6th**

**What’s Working In Our Churches:**

* + - 1. The publication department provides, for a charge, postcards for your area. You can do it 1 time per year. It compiles the Daily Word and Silent Unity mailing lists. Contact the Purchasing Department at the Institute.

- USPS provides door-to-door demographics in a zip code

* + - 1. Meet-up
			2. Book Groups; “Brown Bag” style over lunch
			3. Unexpected Income Program
			4. Pam Grout’s “Prosperous Universe” on $1 bills with the church’s website
			5. Easytithe.com
			6. Tech Sunday, inviting those with technical devices to bring them to the teenagers for help
			7. ACS & Realm - $145/mo with online finance, check in for kids, member management, payroll
		1. This spawned an idea for the Leadership Training! Charles will arrange with ACS for a presentation of their software for those interested on Friday night. Warren will see about getting Easy Worship to come and demo their software on Saturday morning. Then on Saturday afternoon we could offer a Tech Soup session with Randy Bobbit presenting on LiveStream, Ed presenting on Youtube and another, to be determined, to present on podcasts.
			1. **We’ll flesh this idea out at the May meeting**

Meeting dismissed