

MINUTES

APCE CORPORATION MEETING

February 10, 2022

The annual Corporation meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators was called to order at 12:10 p.m. CST at the Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago on Thursday, February 10th, 2022. President Susan Sharp Campbell opened the meeting with prayer and then shared her reflections on the year with APCE, listing many accomplishments and highlighting the upcoming vote on bylaws changes, including a change of the name of the association, and the naming of a Strategic Planning Task Force to continue the work of achieving diversity and striving for justice and equity. Susan also highlighted the partner denominations of the association, other groups with whom we have Memoranda of Understanding, members of the PCUSA Collective, and various contracted partners. She called attention to the Leadership Tree, an interpretation graphic intended to show who APCE is and how it functions, and copies of the Tree were available on tables. She then turned to the business agenda for the day.

Secretary Laurie Farquharson presented the minutes of the 2021 Corporation Meeting and invited questions. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes without change.

Treasurer Mary Taneti presented the financial report with appropriate visuals, noting that the net operating income at the end of the fiscal year was \$28,279.98. The report was received by voice vote with no additional questions or comment. Michelle Thomas-Bush presented the report of the Endowment Fund, noting APCE's position in both the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and New Covenant Funds.

Proposed Bylaws and Operational Guidelines Changes: Susan called on Renda Brinson to present proposed changes to APCE documents. Renda presented verbally and with visuals the recommended changes on behalf of the Administrative Ministry Team. A motion was made from the floor and

seconded to remove consideration of the name change from the list of those changes being considered so that it might be addressed separately. That motion was approved by voice vote of the Association. Renda then presented rationale and explanation as to why the association name should be changed to “Association of Presbyterian Church Educators doing business as Association of Partners in Christian Education”. Generally the change to Association of Partners in Christian Education was recommended so as to more accurately reflect APCE’s membership now and for the future, with only two of our five member denominations having Presbyterian in their names. There were no questions or concerns raised by the assembled membership. A voice vote was held and the motion to change the name was approved overwhelmingly. Other Bylaws and Operational Guidelines changes were also approved by voice vote including changes to the responsibilities of the President Elect and the Past President.

Susan then noted that the significance of an APCE name change after 51 years should be marked in a celebratory way. She offered a prayer in celebration of the new name and the next 50 years of APCE.

Recognition of Outgoing Members of Leadership Council: Those completing their terms on Leadership Council were named and asked to stand so that they could be thanked. President-Elect-Elect Kathryn Campbell was then called forward to present thank you gifts to outgoing Past President Julia Boyce and Secretary Laurie Farquharson. They each received a lovely clock in recognition of their service. Julia shared some personal reflections about her time in service to APCE.

Installation of New Leadership Council Members: Those individuals just beginning their service on ministry teams were asked to stand as they were installed. Susan called forward President Elect Renda Brinson and presented her with the symbols of office. Renda then shared her hopes and wishes for APCE as it moves forward into the next 50 years. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Renda.

Laurie Farquharson, Secretary

