

MINUTES

APCE CORPORATION MEETING

The annual Corporation meeting of the Association of Partners in Christian Education was called to order at 8:30 am CST at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee on Thursday, January 30, 2024. President Tori Smit opened the meeting with prayer. She greeted all participants and shared her reflections on the year with APCE. Tori highlighted the partner denominations of the association and briefly thanked the Christian Reformed Church as it has ceased its participation in APCE for the immediate future. Tori welcomed and recognized the Christian Education Network (CEN) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to membership in APCE, highlighting APCE's efforts to recognize the legacy of that group. Tori also recognized our partnership in the mission collective sponsored by the Presbyterian Church(USA).

Motion: to approve the minutes of the 2023 Corporate Meeting as posted. M/S/C

Tori noted that membership in APCE, which remains strong and thanked all of the members for their support of APCE and through APCE their support of each other. Tori also recognized the outgoing leadership of APCE and noted the accomplishments in the past year of each of the Ministry Teams in turn.

Tori also recognized the work of outgoing Past President Kathryn Campbell as she moves to her sabbatical time. Kathryn addressed the meeting, encouraging the members to continue to support each other and thanking them for entrusting her with leadership. Tori presented Kathryn with a thank you in recognition of her service.

Co-Treasurers Deb De Meester and Jim Monnett presented the financial report with appropriate visuals and referring to the hand out that was distributed on the tables to the membership. They reiterated their three goals for the past year:

1. To make APCE financially sustainable
2. To create financial reports that are accessible, helpful and clear, and
3. To operate financially as a single body.

All of these goals were achieved during the year and APCE achieved a surplus despite the approval of a deficit budget. APCE has had significant support from major donors that is important as we move to a new model with a paid executive director. They thanked the members for their ongoing support.

Report of the Strategic Plan Implementation Team: Tori called on Von Clemans and Anne Wilson, the co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Task Force and subsequently co-chairs of the Implementation Team for the Strategic Plan, to report to the membership. They outlined the new Vision, Mission and Values of the Organization and the new structure that APCE will be living into in the coming months. They outlined the steps to hiring a new Executive Director and introduced Thom Cunningham as he transitions from Incoming President in the old structure to Executive Director in the new way of doing things

Tori installed Thom into this new role. Thom addressed the meeting and outlined his vision for this new work.

Installation of New Officers and Mission Team Leaders: Tori invited the new elected officers of the Corporation: Sandy Safford, Co-President; Bette Case, Communications Officer, and Kari Pressler, Administrative Officer to join her on stage. She also asked those who have accepted invitations to join APCE leadership to stand in place. Tori then installed all of these new leaders to their new positions in APCE. Tori then closed the installation in prayer.

Tori then presented incoming Co-President Sandy Safford with the symbols of the office – the Lamp of Learning and the Gavel of Leadership. Sandy addressed the meeting by sharing her experience of APCE and hope for the future of the organization.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sandy.

Gord Brown, Secretary