

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
240th Synod Assembly
Grants and Awards Committee
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
Richmond, VA
September 11-12, 2017**

OPENING

Moderator Jim Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm with prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Present were: Jim Kirkpatrick, Troy Lesher-Thomas, Cindy Privette, Carson Rhyne, Nancy Rowland, and Silvia Sellers.

Excused was: Delores Parker

QUORUM

The Moderator attested that a quorum was present.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER

Nancy Rowland was appointed as recorder.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The docket was approved as presented.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS:

PEACEMAKING FUND – Part I

Grant proposal for new leadership for AKAP was received from the Executive Committee and Stated Clerk Warren Lesane. In response, a Motion was made by Carson Rhyne (Troy Lescher-Thomas second) that a special administrative review be established to determine the issues about the conflict in AKAP with funding from the Peacemaking Offering up to \$25,000. The intention is that of six members on the commission three be of Korean ancestry. Motion approved and recommended to Synod Assembly.

NEW AND SMALL CHURCHES

Motion by Troy Lesher-Thomas (Cindy Privette second) that the Synod Assembly approve the following grant proposals:

- Covenant PC (Baltimore): for handicap bathroom, for \$3800.

- Dulatown PC (WNC): for renovation for food pantry, for \$3800. (Sylvia recused)
- Ginter Park PC (James): for kitchen ADA compliance, for \$3800. (Carson recused)
- Milner Memorial PC (New Hope): for replacing door to church, for \$3800.
- Ninevah PC (Shenandoah): for replace roof and manse repairs, for \$3800.
- St. Paul PC High Point (Salem): for new roof, for \$3800.

Declined:

- Ashland PC (James): for retreat. (Carson recused)
- Bear Grass PC (New Hope): for Carillon Bells.
- Calvary PC (National Capital): for organ installation.
- First PC Portsmouth (EVA): for replacing steps. (Jim recused)

PEACEMAKING FUND – Part II

The committee encourages the Assembly to present grant proposals for the Peacemaking Fund. Significant funds are available. Applications can be made through the website by February 1, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Action on changes to the funds brochure was tabled until our March meeting.
- 2) A Euler Scholarship application submitted by David Smith was denied due to his no longer being enrolled at a Presbyterian seminary.
- 3) The committee offered appreciation for the work of Nancy Rowland as recorder for the last few years.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm followed by prayer from Jim Kirkpatrick.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rowland, Recorder