

MANITOU CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

held by Conference Call
Tuesday June 25th, 2013

TUESDAY, June 25th, 2013

Attendance Ministry Personnel	Ted Harrison, Will Kunder, Mary-Jo Tracy, Erin Todd, Stewart Walker, Maureen Ellison, Maxine McVey
Laity	Marguerite Hayes, Bill Rowe, Elsie Christian, Janice Brownlee, Kathie Smith, Linda Mitchell (for Cindy Desilets)
Regrets	Cindy Desilets
Staff support	Susan Whitehead, minute-taker
Constitution of the Court	President Maxine McVey welcomed the Executive members, constituted the court and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
Opening Prayer and Check In	The President gave an opening prayer. Executive shared what they felt was the highlight of the GM. Everyone was very positive.
Approval of Agenda	MOTION 13/15 #1: Marguerite Hayes/Maureen Ellison that the agenda be accepted as printed. CARRIED
Minutes of GM 2013: Emergent Business	The Conference Executive Secretary (CES) reviewed the minutes of the 2013 General Meeting and highlighted 7 items for further discussion. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Right Relations Home Group (RRHG) – Page 4:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The motion states that Conference will now have a standing RRGH committee- There is a documentary being created called “Memory Project” about the 1986 Apology and the Cairn at Laurentian University- There is a proposal going to General Council Office (GCO) looking for funding2. Comprehensive Review – Page 5:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Executive needs to get the word out about the Comprehensive Review groups- Brenda McLay, Stewart Walker and David LeGrand have been approached about being leaders for the groups in our Conference- The question was raised how can Executive engage Manitou Conference in the Comprehensive Review the way that the Moderator did for all of us at the GM- The CES will see to ensure that Trinity UC (North Bay) is

appointed a facilitator a.s.a.p.

3. Mission Support Grant Criteria Motion – Page 6-7:
 - The Manitou Conference office will ensure that all pastoral charges who are making grant application have those criteria BEFORE the application is complete
4. Camp Lorrain Viability – Page 10:
 - This is a “heads-up” that this is decision making that will happen at the fall meeting of Executive
5. Priority Setting – Page 13:
 - It is Executive’s work to take to new priorities and strategize how they will move forward
6. Voluntary Assessment – Page 13:
 - The CES was directed to inform Manitou Conference that they can voluntarily increase their Presbytery Assessment above the \$17.00 per resident member
 - Will and Maxine will work on that letter to go out to the conference, making reference to the “have-not” churches and allowing churches to decide if they fall under that category
 - It was noted that maybe adherents should be included in the totals; give a comparison – here is what it is @ \$17.00 per resident member and what it would be with adherents
 - Some people don’t understand what Presbytery Assessments are – they need to be educated about its purpose
 - Maxine suggested that we raise awareness about what Conference and Presbytery is
7. Staff Reduction – Page 14:
 - The Finance Committee needs to keep Conference Executive posted about the Reserve Funds
 - Suggested that the Staff Committee begin looking at the process of looking at a ½ conference staff member cut and what that would look like for workloads

Minutes of GM 2013:
Priorities 2013 - 2015

The fall meeting of Executive will be focused on the Conference Priorities for 2013 – 2015.

2013 – 2014 Executive
Meeting Schedule

September 19 -20, 2013 – Maxine will be away; reschedule until October 3-4, 2014
December 12-13, 2013 – Location to be announced
April 10-11, 2014 – Location TBA
Neighbours Praising God (NPG) – Covenant United Church, Timmins
- No date yet (sometime in June 2014)
- “Ways of Doing Sabbath”

	September 2014 December 2014
Sub-Executive Composition	<p>After some discussion, Executive decided that the GCE Rep will be Janice Brownlee and the member from Spirit Dancing will be a Lay Rep.</p> <p>The Manitou Conference Sub-Executive is as follows:</p> <p>President – Maxine McVey Past-President – Ted Harrison President Designate – Stewart Walker 1 GCE Rep – Erin Todd or Janice Brownlee Rep from Presbytery not represented above – Spirit Dancing Executive Secretary – Will Kunder</p>
Conference Handbook Revisions – Manual references	<p>There are several policy changes that have occurred since the new GC Manual and Manitou Conference’s GM 2013; these will be reflected in Manitou’s Handbook.</p>
Summer Closure	<p>Manitou Conference staff has accrued lieu time and therefore, the office will be closed on Mondays during the summer allow staff to use that time.</p> <p>MOTION 13-15 #2: Janice Brownlee/Elsie Christian that the Manitou Conference office close on Mondays during the summer months. CARRIED</p>
Affirm United 2013 General Meeting	<p>The planning for the Affirm United/S’affirmer Ensemble is well in hand. The conference happens on August 2-4th, 2013 at St. Andrew’s United Church in North Bay.</p>
Sabbatical	<p>Melody is eligible for a sabbatical this year; it was anticipated it would occur in July 2013.</p> <p>It has been pushed back and will most likely occur at the beginning of next year (January 2014). One of the reasons for this change is that the Effective Leadership Pilot Project occurring in Sudbury Presbytery will need to have all staff present at the office.</p>
Looking Ahead	<p>October 3-4, 2013 – Executive Meeting – Villa Loyola, Sudbury December 12-13, 2013 – General Meeting – TBA April 10-11, 2014 – Executive Meeting – TBA</p>
Adjournment	<p>Having completed the business before it, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.</p>

President, Rev. Maxine McVey

Recording Secretary, Susan Whitehead

Executive Secretary, Rev. Will Kunder