

Regional Executive Committee
August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Erin Wathen at 1:35 pm.

Those present were Suzi Goldt, Mary Lou Kegler, Bo Crowe, Bill Rose-Heim, Erin Wathen, James Vertreese.

Bill led us in an opening meditation.

We reviewed the minutes from the June 30, 2017 meeting.

James presented the financial reports which we just received. We are rapidly depleting our reserves. We will realize a small reduction in cash out when the Regional Office moves, but it will not bring us to a breakeven point. We need to generate more revenue. There will be a stewardship campaign later this year. We discussed replacement and expansion of Lisa Engelken's financial recording position to include some HR responsibilities for the Region.

Erin invited us to talk about what we understand our role to be and to set some goals. Our discussion included:

- Empowering and engaging more lay people in ministry.
- Congregations finding a shared sense of purpose and mission that connects us
- Creating a team of people to draw things out of the Future Story to give some direction
- Identifying what congregations are doing well and find ways to gather others around it

Mary Lou had to leave at this point. She had several suggestions about how our group might gel and how we might move forward. She suggested we meet sooner than one month in the beginning.

We discussed how often the Executive Committee should meet and what our overall purposes are.

Bill presented the idea of Common Cause Community and how congregations might assist them in theological exploration.

We set our next meeting for either August 22 or 23 at 8:30 am. Bill will check with Mary Lou and set the final date.

Bill stated we may need to make a quick decision about a finance person in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzi Goldt
Secretary