

Allegheny Region Administrative Council - Meeting #3
May 18, 2024 – Noon (at conference session)

Members Present: M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, Will Miller, S.M. Roberts, M.H. Yarger.
Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

M.J. Bobula called the meeting to order

Dates for Ad. Council

August 27, 2024
November 19, 2024
March 25, 2025
May 13, 2025

Conference Bills

Rust City Church - \$1,500
DeVine Family - \$1,000
Doug Nolt (gift) - \$212
Curt Miller (AV) - \$250
Kingwood Church - \$300
Flowers - \$107
Ben Tobias - \$200

Other Business

Motion to allow Phil Scott to take the doctoral class – motion passed
Baptism discussion update

Motion to adjourn – motion passed

Allegheny Region Administrative Council - Meeting #4
August 27, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

Members Present: T.E. Beatty, M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, C. Dix, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, ~~T. McGraw~~, W. Miller, ~~S.M. Roberts~~, M.H. Yarger.
Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Welcome - Meeting was opened by President M.J. Bobula at 7:02 PM

Devotions – By President M.J. Bobula

Minutes

Ad. Council Meeting #2 – March 14, 2024
Ad. Council Meeting #3 – May 18, 2024
2024 Conference Minutes

Motion by J.A. DeVincent seconded by M.H. Yarger to accept all minutes presented - motion passed

Correspondence

Center Bethel Church of God
Pastor Kendall Hughes
Pastor Jack Gray Family
Howard and Beverly Potter Estate
Zoe Sleasman – thank you note

Financial Reports

Office Financial (March-July)
Financial Statistical (March-July)
Treasurer (March-July)
Invested Funds (March-July)
2024 Conference Expenses – correction

Motion by W. Miller seconded by J.A. DeVincent to allow the president to create a task force to create a investment policy for the region - motion passed

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by M.H. Yarger to accept financial reports as presented - motion passed

Standing Committees

Constitution

Amendment 6.03

All pastors holding credentials within the ARC and holding an active position as a pastor for an ARC congregation are encouraged and expected to attend ARC annual sessions. Any pastor who meets the above stated criteria who fails to attend 2 consecutive ARC annual sessions will be contacted by Pastoral Ministry Commission to discuss the absences and will be at risk of forfeiting their credentials and relationship with this body.

There will be consideration for those that request excused absences for the following:

- Sickness
- Family emergency / death
- Other circumstances beyond their control

Requests for exception should be submitted as soon as reasonably possible and by contacting Pastoral Ministry Commission.

Motion by W. Miller seconded by C.C. Florendo to present this amendment to conference in session – motion passed

Nominating

Planning

Trustees for Conference House

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by J.A. DeVincent to accept committee reports – motion passed

Regional Director's Report

Motion by W. Miller seconded by J.A. DeVincent to move commission moneys into the two commissions – motion passed

Church Ministry Commission (formerly Church Ministry Plant)

- Cross Cultural
- Local Missions
- Church Relations

Pastoral Ministry Commission (formerly Ministerial Training & Ordination)

- Pastoral Oversight
- Spiritual Formation

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by C.C. Florendo to appoint Rev Lon Hogue and Kris Ranker to the Grove Manor Board – motion passed

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by C.C. Florendo to approve Brian Zeisloft for an Annual License – motion passed

Motion by J.R. Gamble seconded by C.C. Florendo to appoint Brian Zeisloft as the pastor for the Mt. Pleasant COG – motion passed

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by M.H. Yarger to grant a Christian Workers License to Kris Ranker – motion passed

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by J.R. Gamble to recognize the ordination of Dr. Jeff Harris while he is in the process of transferring credentials to the ARC – motion passed

Motion by C.C. Florendo seconded by E.A. Dunlap to appoint Dr. Jeff Harris to the Kennerdell COG – motion passed

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by J.A. DeVincent to appoint Pastor Morgan Kelly as pastor of the Grandview COG and approve ministry to the Pennsville Community Church – motion passed

Motion by C.C. Florendo seconded by E.A. Dunlap to recommend a 4% salary increase for all pastors for 2025. – motion passed

Motion by W. Miller seconded by E.A. Dunlap to approve the Director's report. – motion passed

Commission Reports

Pastoral Ministry Commission

Motion by J.R. Gamble seconded by W. Miller to approve PMC minutes. – motion passed

Church Ministry Commission

General Conference Institution Reports (Administrative Council, UF, WTS)

Administrative Council

Winebrenner Seminary

Largest graduation ever this past summer

University of Findlay

Reports from Agencies (planned reports should be 5 minutes or less)

ARC Foundation – Pastor Tim Beatty

Have not met yet, will be meeting this fall.

Trying to help churches get their non-profit status

Members - Scott Porterfield, Ben Tobias, Tim Beatty, Gladys Grimm, ????

Camp Sonrise Mountain Board – Carrie Dix

Had a busy summer

Camp Stats

- Senior high – 48 campers
- Junior High – 67 campers
- Intermediate – 73 campers
- Primary – 50 campers
- 24 1st time decisions
- 56 rededications

Envelope fundraiser

Golf outing – September 14

Grove Manor Board – Pastor Beth Dunlap

Board reorganization in September

Two board members resigned

2025 Budget approved

Chaplains in all 3 buildings

Grove Manor struggling with COVID

Grove City rating moved from 1 last year to 3 this year (double check this!!

Woodcrest is working on purchasing a bus

Grove Manor Foundation – Pastor Beth Dunlap

Working on investment policy

Christian Loving Fund - Pastor Rick Gamble

New president – Priscilla Earhart

Grant request for bus for Woodcrest

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members {planned reports should be 5 minutes or less}

Northern District – Pastor Mark Yarger

Written report presented

Thanks for flowers sent to Pastor Jim Leichter mother's funeral

Conversation about helping northern district learn more about camp

Central District – Pastor Shawn Roberts

Southern District - Pastor Tom McGraw

Member at Large – Pastor John DeVincent

Continued conversation with Rust City Church about ministry in our area

Member at Large – Pastor Rick Gamble

New Business/Other Reports

Challenge by M.J. Bobula make sure we are focusing on the mission statement and only doing the things that focus toward our mission statement.

Date for Next Meeting – November 19, 2024, 7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

Adjournment

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by C.C. Florendo to adjourn – motion passed
Phil closed us in prayer

Allegheny Region Administrative Council - Meeting #5
November 19, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

Members Present: T.E. Beatty, M.J. Bobula, ~~J.A. DeVincent~~, C. Dix, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo,
~~J.R. Gamble~~, G.L. Grimm, ~~T. McGraw~~, W. Miller, S.M. Roberts, M.H. Yarger.
Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Welcome - Meeting was opened by President M.J. Bobula at 7 PM

Devotions – By M.J. Bobula Acts 19 & 20

Opening Prayer – P.J. Scott

Minutes

Ad. Council Meeting #4 – August 27, 20124

Motion by W. Miller seconded by M.H. Yarger to accept minutes presented - motion passed

Correspondence

Margie Hollis Family
Pastor Jim Leichliter
Howard and Beverly Potter Estate

Financial Reports

Office Financial (August-October)
Financial Statistical (August-October)
Treasurer (August-October)
Invested Funds (August-October)

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by W. Miller to accept financial reports as presented - motion passed

Standing Committees

Constitution
Nominating
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Regional Director's Report

1. Motion by S.M. Roberts seconded by E.A. Dunlap to approve the changes to Life, Accidental Death, and Dismemberment Policy – motion passed
 - a. Credentialed Pastors assigned to an approved ministry
 - b. Approved ministry positions (CGGC, Seminary, University of Findlay)
 - c. ARC staff (full time, part time, retired)
2. Investment Task Force
 - a. Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by S.M. Roberts to approve Merrill Lynch and Mike Peck to be our Investment Manager – motion passed
 - b. Motion by W. Miller seconded by E.A. Dunlap to approve the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) for the ARC – motion passed
 - c. Motion by W. Miller seconded by E.A. Dunlap to approve the ARC Treasurer to transfer the funds that comprise The Camp Sunrise Mountain Endowment and The Supplemental Pastor's and Spouses Retirement Fund to Merrill Lynch and to transfer CDs as they mature – motion passed
3. Motion by M.H. Yarger seconded by C.C. Florendo to approve the adoption of the CGGC mission and strategy as also the ARC mission and strategy – motion passed

CGGC Mission - Maximizing our collective potential for Kingdom impact

CGGC Strategy

- A. Strengthening Churches
- B. Developing Leaders
- C. Mobilizing Disciples
- D. Partnering in God's Mission
- E. Global Reach

4. Motion by C.C. Florendo seconded by W. Miller to approve the location and changes for the format of the ARC Conference in Session to be focused on Worship and utilize breakouts to make Kingdom business decisions – motion passed

The location of the ARC Conference 2025 will be at the Mt. Pleasant Church of God.

We are proposing shifting worship to be the focal element, utilize our pastors to share inspiring messages and ministry victories, and taking up the business in breakout sessions. So rather than a business meeting

where we take time to worship, our attempt would be to create a day of worship and encouragement where some Kingdom business is discussed. We would seek particular topics for the CGGC to talk to the people while the delegates break out for business.

5. Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by C.C. Florendo to receive the minimum requirements to recognize a church or congregation – motion passed
 - A group of disciples of Jesus Christ committed to obeying God's word by loving God, loving others, and seeking his kingdom and righteousness.
 - They meet together consistently for worship, proclamation of the gospel, and celebration of the ordinances, and they utilize their gifts to encourage and equip one another in the faith and demonstrate and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to their neighbors and community.
 - They make disciples of Jesus Christ: baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded.
 - They have identified, biblically qualified leaders, called to equip the body.
6. Motion by W. Miller seconded by E.A. Dunlap to recognize the congregations present in the Woodcrest Senior Care, Grove Manor Home, and The Caring Place – motion passed

Motion by C.C. Florendo seconded by M.H. Yarger to approve the Director's report. – motion passed

Commission Reports

Pastoral Ministry Commission

Motion by W. Miller seconded by C.C. Florendo to receive the minutes of Pastoral Ministry Commission and the Church Ministry Commission – motion passed

Church Ministry Commission

General Conference Institution Reports (Administrative Council, UF, WTS)

Administrative Council

Winebrenner Seminary

Enrollment is down a little bit

ATS visit just happened (part of accreditation process)

Audit was just finished

University of Findlay

Update on Bluffton University merging with the University of Findlay

Motion by E.A. Dunlap seconded by W. Miller to receive the General Conference Institution Reports. – motion passed

Reports from Agencies (planned reports should be 5 minutes or less)

ARC Foundation – Pastor Tim Beatty

Camp Sonrise Mountain Board – Carrie Dix

Camp Board meeting on Dec. 6

New Board members

David Postelwait

Matt Kline

Summer Camp Weeks set

June 8-14

June 15-21

June 22-28

June 29 – July 5

Camp will have co-deans this coming year

Grove Manor Board – Pastor Beth Dunlap

Changing how often they will meet

Creating a new investment policy

Census has been up

Worship service, Bible Studies, and prayer times are happening

Grove Manor Foundation – Pastor Beth Dunlap

Christian Loving Fund - Pastor Rick Gamble

Motion by W. Miller seconded by M.H. Yarger to receive the agency reports – motion passed

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members (planned reports should be 5 minutes or less)

Northern District – Pastor Mark Yarger

Central District – Pastor Shawn Roberts

Southern District - Pastor Tom McGraw

Member at Large – Pastor John DeVincent

Member at Large – Pastor Rick Gamble

New Business/Other Reports

Motion by C.C. Florendo seconded by W. Miller to

- increase staff salaries by 4%
- \$500 to Gladys and Dean for a Christmas bonus
- \$1000 to Phil for a Christmas bonus
- \$500 to Phil for Pastor appreciation

Date for Next Meeting – March 25, 2025, 7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

Adjournment

Motion by W. Miller seconded by C.C. Florendo to adjourn – motion passed

W. Miller closed us in prayer