

AL-WFL Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry
Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery, AL
July 21, 2016
10:00 am

1. Introductions & Glory Sightings
 - Members Present – Scott Hohn, Kay Whaley, Levi Gardner, Frank Moore, Misty Barrett, Stuart Worth, Rob Thomas, David Goolsby, Buddy Starling, Kevin Krist, Jenni Hendrix
 - Members Present via Phone – Bill Hamilton and Ashley Meyers
 - Members Unable to Attend – Bessie Hamilton Carol Nicholson Foster, Dric Williford
2. A Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Scott Hohn, President
3. Reviewed Purpose of the Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry
 - Scott gave out the Conference BHECM Guidelines (11-2012) and Campus Ministry Guidelines
4. Reviewed our Wesley Foundations and their Directors
 - Note: Kitsy Dixon at the University of West Alabama is Full Time as of 7-1-16.
5. Reviewed our relationship with Birmingham-Southern and Huntingdon College
6. Special Funds
 - Merit Award Scholarship- funded by a rebate give to the AC from the United Methodist Student Day offering.
 - Roberta Cammack Estate Trust – *one of two funds with UM Foundation in which Talent Fund grants of up to \$2,000 can be given.* Current balance is \$193,912.43 invested with \$11,132.14 cash on hand.
 - Higher Education/Campus Ministry Trust - *one of two funds with UM Foundation in which Talent Fund grants of up to \$2,000 can be given.* Current balance is \$178,325.08 invested with \$11,940.90 on hand.
7. Election of Officers
 - President – Scott Hohn
 - Vice President – Misty Barrett
 - Secretary – Jenni Hendrix
 - Treasurer – Jenni Hendrix
 - Motion was made by Bill Hamilton; Seconded by Rob Thomas; Approved Unanimously
8. Training Opportunity
 - There will be a training event for those serving on Conference Boards of HECM in Nashville, TN on September 12-14th. If you are interested in going the deadline is in August and anyone is invited to attend.
 - The board approved paying the \$200 fee for Scott to attend and then later amended the motion to pay for any members wanting to attend.
 - Motion- Bill Hamilton; 2nd- Ashley Meyer; Approval- Unanimous.

9. Appointment of Liaisons to WF Boards were made with the expectation that each Liaison would attend 1 board meeting, encourage them to turn in reports on time and let the Campus Minister and Board of Directors know you are the appointed liaison.
- ASU- Scott
 - Auburn- Kay
 - Troy- Jenni, Buddy
 - Tuskegee- Dave
 - USA- Kevin
 - UWA- Misty
 - UWF- Ashley/ Levi
 - Huntingdon- Misty/Bill
10. Future Meetings times and locations will all be on Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00, pending approval from each host site:
- October 13th @ Auburn
 - February 16th @ South Alabama
 - May 4th @ Montgomery, TBD
 - July 20th @ Troy
11. Approval of Minutes from April 21st Meeting; Update on the Exploratory Committee Formed for AUM; Update on Guidelines for Financial Reporting by Wesley Foundations
Minutes from the April 21, 2016 meeting were approved with the following corrections/updates/stipulations
- A request was made that the board show better accountability by submitting copies of votes and amendments made via e-mail when things need to be decided between quarterly meetings.
 - A request was also made for the entire board to receive copies of the most updated budget for the Board of HECM
 - Update on the Exploratory Committee formed for AUM- On June 2nd Rob Couch sent an e-mail to the board saying:
A few months ago we put in motion a plan to investigate opening a new Wesley Foundation at AUM. Brian Miller has not had time to put the team together. As you know, Elvyn and Bessie Hamilton have been organizing a church-based campus ministry at AUM. Joel Hughes (who used to be in my youth group in Auburn) is the director of student involvement and is VERY interested in having a UM presence on the AUM campus. Would the Board allow Bessie and Elvyn Hamilton to put together and convene the study group to investigate the need for a Wesley Foundation at AUM. I think this is a situation of striking while the iron is hot. Bessie is joining the BHECM after elections at Annual Conference in a few weeks, so we will have a BHECM member involved. Would the BHECM be amenable to them moving forward with studying this issue? Any approval would still have to come before the BHECM.
- To which David Goolsby sent the following response:
My thought is that we affirm a study. However, It becomes important to remember that since we are in transition on our Board with a new quadrennium, that this permission or request be quickly addressed by the

new Board. I would have suggested that we wait till the next Board is constituted and has met. But, this would lengthen the time frame significantly. As long as it is very clear that this is a study and no permission to launch a Wesley has been given.

Things to remember or factor:

1) If we approve a Wesley, we take on responsibility. We would have to explore that impact.

2) We have many schools not served by a Wesley and does the study explore where AUM is in the priority of those not served? I doubt this study would do more than explore the need at that campus or area. That is fine, but Higher Ed would then have to work on the questions unanswered.

3) In years past we talked about young adult ministry need across all of Montgomery. Is this time to explore a Campus Ministry emphasis across all of Montgomery?

4) While all across the nation, United Methodist campus ministry is being rethought and in some places closing. Our Conference is going the other way. That makes my heart happy! Then I pause and ponder the underlying reasons other places are stepping back from their commitments to campus ministry. I think we need to be careful that we walk with eyes wide open and prayers flying because extension ministries are by their nature vulnerable. I could say much more but suffice it to say, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kentucky are a few places where the landscape is really changing in the other direction. Hum...

5) Thx for reading! I still support a study and hope we keep our expansive perspective flowing. I thank God for our Conference's commitment to Campus Ministry.

The board wanted to have these put into the latest minutes and continue to approve the study with these caveats in mind. Elvyn & Bessie Hamilton were not present at today's meeting (July 21) but submitted a proposal to Scott which was given out to the Board members today. The approval via e-mail to David's Amendments was unanimous.

- Update on Guidelines for Financial Reporting by Wesley Foundations – “Wesley Foundation Financial Reporting Guidelines” and “Internal Control Issues” were developed at the April meeting on the BHECM. These were done with the guidance of Nancy Hammond (Conference pastor with a financial background) and Jody Dunn (who also has a financial background as is the former chair of the USA WF). They were approved by the BHECM and put before the CFA for approval but have never heard back. The Campus Ministers would like clarity on how to move forward in their reporting. It was decided that Scott would contact Rob Couch and see what was presented to the CFA and if it was approved.
- The approval for these amendments/corrections/updates happened in two different motions, both of which were unanimous.
- Of the minutes originally: Motion- Buddy, 2nd- Misty, Approval- Unanimous
- Of the amendments made to minutes: Motion- Frank, 2nd- Rob, Approval-Unanimous

12. Other/New Business - Talent Fund Application

- David Goolsby (AU) submitted a complete application requesting \$2,000 towards a total estimated cost of \$3,395.30 for the project “Islam to Christianity – a Journey”. The project would take graduated student of Auburn, Mehmet Badhu, to Wesley

Foundations and allow him to share his testimony and the story of his conversion and share in a time of Q & A. It is intended for college students only. The project is to be carried out during the Fall 2016 semester.

- The Board approved the application with stipulations for his safety. Mehmet has to give permission for any recording that takes place and he will have sole authority about how/if it is shared.
- Motion- Kay; 2nd- Levi; Approval- Unanimous.

13. A closing prayer was offered by Misty Barrett and then a lunch was shared by those able to stay. Scott encouraged members to be on the lookout for nominees of next year's Francis Asbury Award.