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**NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Drury Plaza Indianapolis Carmel  
Saturday, December 6, 2019  
Minutes

**Present:** Timothy James, Don Gillett, Irie Session, Pamela DuBose, Beverly Goines, Pernella Shortie, Milton Bowens, R. Wayne Calhoun, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Brenda Rossy, Edward Williams, Sotello Long, Juanita Greene, William Smith, James Vertreese, Chesla Nickelson, Dwayne Bell, Jackie Compton Bunch, John Foulkes, William "Bill" Lee, Norman Reed

**Opening and Morning Meditation**

Administrative Secretary, Dr. Timothy James

BLESSED

Luke 1: 41-42

Prayer

**NCMC Call to Order 9:23 am by President Gillett**

**National Christian Missionary Convention- Reports**

**1. Black Disciples Endowment Fund- Jackie Bunch for Mary Lou Kegler**

A full report has been submitted for view

Recommendation for the election of the following Board of Trustees

Members:

- Mary Lou Kegler, Dale Braxton, and Patice Holland as the Class of 2022 of the BDEF Board of Trustees.
- Lenita (Jackie) Bunch as Chairperson of the BDEF Board of Trustees.
- Patice Holland as Vice Chairperson of the BDEF Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept the slate of officers

Moved: Jackie Bunch

2<sup>nd</sup>: William Smith

Passed

Motion to receive **Black Disciples Endowment Fund** report

Moved: Juanita Greene

2<sup>nd</sup>: William Smith

Accepted

**2. Greenwood Cemetery- Dwayne Bell**

A full report has been submitted for view. Mr. Bell encouraged us to visit the beautiful site before reviewing the report. He thanked the Board for its support.

Motion to receive **Greenwood Cemetery** report

Moved: Milton Bowens

2<sup>nd</sup>: William Smith

Accepted

**3. AACLD and Black Ministries- William Lee**

William Lee stated that his report is embedded in the BDEF report. The bulk of what we do now is the Preston Taylor Institute at the Convocation and the Black Ministers Retreat. Lexington has received 2 million in the past two years for a study which largely focuses on bi-vocational ministry. Lexington Theological Seminary will launch an African American Clergy Certificate Program in 2021.

**Motion** to receive **AACLD and Black Ministries** report

Moved: Juanita Greene

2<sup>nd</sup>: James Vertreese

Accepted

**10:23 Motion to adjourn the NCMC Board Session (Pres. Gillett)**

**Moved: William Smith**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Beverly Goines**

**BREAK**

**10:40 Resume National Convocation Board of Trustees Meeting**

**National Convocation and Biennial Session Budget Proposal**

**1. Biennial Session 2019-2020 Budget Proposal (on file)- James Vertreese and Timothy James**

**(Joint budget will be prepared by January 31, 2020)**

This one will be a little different because we will be doing the joint session- 2020 Experience. Necessary adjustments will be made.

Expenses will be shared by NC, Obra Hispana, and NAPAD. Each entity has committed to \$120,000. However, \$720,000 will be needed. We will largely depend on registrations and sponsorships (for the additional

\$360,000). We will meet with treasurers of each to put this together. This particular budget will act as a guide.

*Suggestions:*

1. Do two separate budgets- one for NC and one for the 2020 Experience
2. We can approve a budget that can be drawn from as long as it not overdrawn
3. Prorate (% based on each groups participation) the profit among the NC, Obra Hispana, and NAPAD
4. Send a letter to NC congregations explaining this event

**Motion** to recommend to prorate (% based on each groups participation/ registration) the profit among the NC, Obra Hispana, and NAPAD  
Motion Carried

**Motion** (President Gillett): That the actions of this meeting become a matter of record  
**PASSED**

### **Meeting Indemnification**

**Motion** (President Gillett): That all members of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada be indemnified against claims arising out of good faith performance of their duties since the last board meeting.

**PASSED**

### **Next Meeting Dates**

- **Executive Committee Meeting w/ NCCC Board- March 18-21, 2020- Fort Worth, TX**
- **Board of Trustees Meeting- December 2-5, 2019- Indianapolis, IN**
- **Black Ministers Retreat- March 9-12, 2019- Nashville, TN**
- **2020 Experience- It's REAL - July 22- 25, 2020- Fort Worth, TX**

**Move to Adjourn the NCCC Board of Trustees meeting December 4-7, 2020**

Moved: Juanita Green

2<sup>nd</sup>: William Smith

**11:25**

### **Communion and Closing Prayer**

Dr. Timothy James with Beverly Goines and Milton Bowens

