

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERIAN MEN
2006 Annual Gathering
Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
April 21-23, 2006

Minutes of the NCPMI Council Meeting
Friday, April 21, 2006

Opening Activities

The meeting of the NCPMI Council was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by the President, Floyd Gilbert, who welcomed those present to this conference session. This was followed by introductions.

The Rev. Jose Luis Casal conducted the devotion.

Reports/Remarks by National Secretary, Dr. Robert W. James

1. Announcement of a quorum; the business of the organization could be conducted.
2. Minutes of the Council meeting of April 25, 2005, considered and passed. (M/S/C)
3. There was no correspondence.

Call for Reports by Vice-President/President Elect, Dr. Kyung-il Ghymn

1. Annual Events Committee Report by Chair Rev. C. Arlin Talley – Plans for the 2007 Gathering in Louisville, KY were presented, including costs, and the addition of the Thursday night dinner/boat ride and the tour of GA HQ.
The 2008 gathering is planned as a worldwide celebration of PM to be held in Los Angeles, CA. It will be sponsored jointly by NCPMI; Hispanic/Latino PM; the National Korean Presbyterian Council, PC(USA); and the PM of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK).
2. Publication and Communications Committee by Dr. Robert James – Two issues of the PMIA, Winter and Spring of 2006, were published. It was suggested that a method be implemented to get the publication to persons and churches that do not have e-mail. It was explained also that the PMIA, an online publication, does not have a specific length (number of pages).
3. Missions Committee Chair Rev. Bob Price had no report for record. President Gilbert mentioned that the request to GA that the Father's Day collection be used to support missions received a positive response.
4. Report of the VP/PE – Dr. Ghymn reported on his attendance at the Korean Presbyterian Men's gathering, where more than 3,000 attended, and the PM retreat at Lake Tahoe. He stressed the need for the NCPMI to grow.
In his discussion of missions, he emphasized the student exchange program.

National President's Call for Reports

1. Membership and Advocacy Committee – Chairman Lloyd Johnson explained the strategies employed in his efforts to charter and re-charter churches. He provided the following statistics: Total number of churches chartered since 1984 is 728; number renewed in 2005 is 111; number of new charters to date (in 2006) is 5. Several men related their successful efforts in getting churches chartered; others made suggestions.
2. Report of Black Men's Representative – As the representative, Mr. Johnson made this report also; the extent of which was to invite all Black men in attendance to a meeting to be held on Saturday to discuss forming a Black Caucus within the NCPMI.
3. Report of Hispanic/Latino Men's Representative – Rev. Martin Concepcion reported on the Hispanic/Latino PM's Tri-Annual Gathering in Miami in August that was attended by more than 350 persons.
4. Report of the Korean Men's Representative – The Representative, James Yim, briefly discussed the Korean Men's conference at Lake Tahoe. The next meeting will be held in Atlanta, where men and women from many of the 350 Korean Churches in America will attend.
5. Young Men's Representative – Representative Gerald Barnette stated his vision of establishing a communication network across the U.S. The network would not be affiliated with PM initially, but that could change.
6. Native American Men's Representative – This year, Randel Bohanon provided the initial representation for Native Americans on the NCPMI. He reported that Native American PM are currently organizing in the Oklahoma area. Organization efforts among Native Americans is hampered by the large numbers of tribes (over 600) and languages/dialects. Mr. Bohanon, a Choctaw Indian, was expected to be joined at the gathering by a Seminole.
7. Pastor Advisors Report – Rev. Price gave an update on upcoming events at the Gathering and distributed related materials.
8. Budget and Finance Committee – Treasurer J. Tom Allen reported that the PM checking accounts had been reduced from two to one, giving the cause and effects of the action.

The brochure "A Plan for Giving" provides information relating to the NCPMI's plan for becoming self sufficient in this century. One option requires that \$3,000,000 be invested to provide operational funding for an Administrative Director and other expenses. Presently, we have income of only \$1,500.

There were comments to the effect that the organization's missions effort was woefully under funded, the budgeted amount being \$845. A goal of 10% of the budget, or \$5,600, was suggested.

Mr. Allen also discussed sections 5,a,ii,b) and 5,b,i of his written report (from the 2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT TO [NCPMI] APRIL 21, 2006), and the Horizons 21 Endowment Development Fund.
9. Report of Volunteers in the Louisville Office by Rev. Bob Abrams
10. Leadership, Search, and Nominating Committee – In the report, given by committee chair Dale Vandiver, men were recommended for the following positions: NCPMI offices, both continuing until 2007 elections and new for the 2006-2008 term;

membership on the Leadership, Search, and Nominations Committee; Ministers of the Word (to be elected at 2006 GA); and Trustees of the Development Fund. Each group was voted on separately and was accepted by the Council. (M/S/C)
The list naming the persons filling/to fill these positions form an attachment to these minutes.

11. Trustees Report by Ron Crick

12. Report of Chartered, Synod, and Presbytery Representatives – Representatives reporting were Doug Thomas of the Synod of the Southwest; Bob Wilson of the Synod of the Living Waters; and Michael Adee, Presbytery of Santa Fe.

National President's Report - President Gilbert stressed the importance of the Overture to GA (for PM representation on the GAC), of our getting new churches chartered, and of increased participation in the Church Man of the Year program – as well as the Presbytery Man of the Year. (Latter mentioned by K. Daniels.)

The issue of individual NCPMI memberships was put on the agenda for Sunday's Board meeting. It was announced that the Bible Study Guides were accessible on the PM website. The brochure "A Plan for Giving" was discussed, and men were encouraged to participate in the "Legacy Giving" program explained in Phase III.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bob Wilson Stated that of the four priorities adopted by this organization, only one, Bible Study, has been mentioned here. The other three are Disaster Assistance, Combating Racism, and Mentoring/Tutoring.

Doug Thomas recommended an increase in the amount budgeted for missions. Michael Adee made comments in support of this recommendation.

Strategic Planning Discussion by Committee Chair, Dr. Kyung-il Ghymn. The chair differentiated between a strategic plan (long-range, three or more years) and a tactical plan (short-range, less than three years). His committee's task is to develop a fire-year plan. In addition to participation by the men who wrote the current plan, younger men should be involved as we move forward from this point. (Rev. M. Concepcion) A complete mission study is needed, involving everyone (including local congregations) using the bottom-up planning process. (Rev. J. Casal)

The meeting of the Council adjourned at 5:15 P.M. with a closing prayer by Rev. Talley.

Submitted on this 28th day of June, 2006, by

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