

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
EAST BAY REGIONAL MEETING
Minutes of September 11, 2018

These Minutes document the East Bay Regional meeting, held during the September 11, 2018 Presbytery meeting. The object of the meeting was to present and approve documents related to funding new mission work through Regional Missional Partnerships in the East Bay Region of San Francisco Presbytery using resources from Presbytery's Fund 2.

Lauren Gully opened the meeting with prayer at 4:30 pm.

ATTENDEES: 23 Presbyters, including 19 representatives from 10 of the 14 churches in the East Bay Region of San Francisco Presbytery; 2 Honorably Retired Pastors, and Presbytery Representatives Pastor Leonard Nielsen and David Zimmerman. A list of attendees is included at the end of these Minutes.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS:

Seek approval of the East Bay Region's Criteria, Process, and Application documents from the four churches not present at this Regional meeting (see follow-up note at end);

Request Presbytery approval of East Bay Region's Criteria, Process, and Application documents at the November 13, 2018 Presbytery meeting; and

Request Presbytery approval that 10 of the 14 East Bay Region churches (71%) constitute a quorum for purposes of managing the Regional Missional Partnerships.

Pastor Barbara Barkley, CVPC; Pastor Lauren Gully, LOPC; and Elder Jon Myers, Concord First, presented and explained their Subcommittee work subsequent to the May 29, 2018 East Bay Regional meeting, answered questions, and requested approval by the East Bay Region churches. A sign-in sheet was circulated. The "Criteria", "Process", and "Application" documents were included in the Presbytery packet available on-line a week prior to this meeting.

Barbara introduced Leonard Nielson, who represented Presbytery's Mission & Vision Leadership (MVL) and provided guidance for the Subcommittee's work during the summer. MVL requested that all 14 churches in the East Bay Region review the three documents and that they be approved by most, if not all of the churches, before coming to Presbytery for approval. Barbara noted that 10 of the 14 churches in the East Bay Region were in attendance at this meeting, and said that the Subcommittee would reach out to the remaining four churches so that we achieve, as much as possible, buy-in from all 14 churches, but no less than approval from two-thirds of the churches (10 churches).

Barbara presented the revised "Approval Criteria for Allocating Fund 2 Monies within East Bay Region", which was expanded (Items 6 - 9 are new) based on comments made during the May 29 East Bay Regional meeting and feedback from MVL. There were no questions, and it was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the "Criteria" document.

Jon Myers presented and explained the “Process to be used by the East Bay Region” to organize, approve, and manage the regional mission projects to be funded by the East Bay Region’s allocation of Fund 2, and the planned reporting back to the Presbytery, so there is full accountability, as required by MVL. There was one question that was answered, and it was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the “Process” document.

Lauren Gully presented and explained the “Mission Partnership Application to be used by the East Bay Region” as an intake document for receiving requests for funding new mission work through Regional Missional Partnerships. Lauren explained the intent of this document is to ensure that applicants have thought through the details of their proposed project. There were questions and suggestions for reordering the application into a more logical sequence, which everyone agreed with. For example, questions involving name and scope of project will be moved up to the top, some questions will be annotated with “Please describe”, and the application will ask for names of project leadership and their positions. With these modifications, it was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the “Application” document.

Barbara stated that there are two remaining actions that need to take place: appointing the 5-person Partnership Management Team from among the 14 East Bay Region churches and setting a deadline for receiving project applications. These actions are planned for the next East Bay Regional meeting, to be held at the November 13, 2018 Presbytery meeting.

The East Bay Region churches not present at this meeting and who need to be contacted:

Agape Presbyterian Church, San Ramon
ATC Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill
Tri-Valley Presbyterian Church, Pleasanton

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jon Myers at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jon Myers, Subcommittee Member
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REGIONAL MEETING ATTENDEES:

Clayton Valley PC: Barbara Barkley
Concord First: Rebecca Chase, Marilyn Wollenweber, Jon Myers
Delta Community Presbyterian Church: Doug Schoonover
Grace Pres in Walnut Creek: Diana Barkley, Karen Hastings-Flegel
John Knox: Randy McGrady-Beach
Livermore: Karen Vied, Christine Weber
LOPC: Mary Elte, Gerald Chinen, Peter Whitelock, Lauren Gully
Mission Hispania NCD: Enicia Montalvo
Pittsburg Community: Mary Burks, Will McGarvey
Ygnacio Valley PC: Sylvia Chatagnier

Also in attendance: Honorably Retired Pastors Charie Reid and Judy Durff
Leonard Nielsen and David Zimmerman - Presbytery Representatives

INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 REGIONAL MEETING

Pastors of the four churches not at the September 11 meeting were contacted and provided information about the funding for new mission work through Regional Missional Partnerships, including copies of the three documents approved at the September 11 regional meeting, with a request to approve the documents. Subcommittee members made themselves available for meetings with the Pastors and/or Sessions.

On October 1, 2018, Pastor Ernie Hess at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill, notified the Subcommittee that, "These documents have the approval of St. Andrew's."

On October 21, 2018, Pastor Kok Thai Lim at ATC Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek notified the Subcommittee that, "ATC has approved the attached three documents."

The Subcommittee is still in communication with Tri-Valley Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton, and Agape Presbyterian Church in San Ramon, and seeking their approval.

To date, 12 of the 14 churches in the East Bay Region have approved the Criteria, Process, and Application documents.

Respectfully Submitted,
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