

REM MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by The Rev. Dr. Harry Simmons at 8:45 am. The agenda was approved as distributed. Rev. Brenda Wallace was asked to serve as Secretary. Father John Blair was asked to serve as Parliamentarian.

Chairman Simmons showed a video of greetings from Dr. Allen Pollard, Dean of Howard University welcoming the 25th REM Anniversary Invitational in 2012 to Washington, DC, the founding place of REM.

Greetings were received from The Rev. Dr. Sally Schwab, Pres. ACPE. She expressed a request that REM be in conjunction with the ACPE conference in Washington, DC and at least one ACPE meeting be held at the REM Conference each year.

A Centering Moment was conducted by The Rev. Dr. Jacque Kelley from Isaiah 1-2 entitled "Feast of Rich Food" In a moment, imagine what God placed for you and there is enough for all to have. There is always more than enough, taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Rev. Dr. Gale Kennebrew, Vice Chair of REM, extended welcome to the business using the theme song from Cheers "where everybody knows my name." In keeping with the REM theme, she added, "I want to go where I go to a place where I can learn someone else's name with gratitude."

Chairman Simmons asked that we read and receive the Agenda and Minutes from the last REM meeting in February 2009 in Orlando, FL.

A question was raised by Cecelia Williams about the by-laws and officer requirements from the 2008 REM. Father John Blair clarified that her question could be attended to during the Old Business section of the agenda.

A correction to the minutes was offered by Paul Payway that a time for the adjournment of the meeting in Orlando be added to the minutes.

A motion was submitted for the approval of Minutes with correction by Teresa Snorton with second by Calvin Reynolds.

Old Business: The following reports were received Treasurer and Chairman.

Treasurer's report: Teresa Snorton explained the report. Spiritual Care Collaborative there was a fee and over 100 persons attended REM in Orlando, FL. There were 190 persons registered for this year's REM, of that number 168 pre-registered. However, REM budgeted for 200 persons. A networking meeting is to be held at the ACPE Academy to be held in Kansas City.

Rhonda Daniels, SE region, noted a typographical correction of one of the dates on the financial report. Report received with the correction.

Report from the Chair on the ACPE Board activity was abbreviated and a full report will be sent via email and posted on the ACPE website. Notable highlights were: 1) Representatives from ACPE in each region received a positive response to the self study made in each region. 2) FCPE clarified the relationship between the foundation and ACPE national office. A capital campaign is underway to build an ACPE office building. 3) The ACPE Academy was approved to offer classes in leadership and finance along with CPE distance learning modules.

Question raised by Johnny Bush about personal liability coverage that was confused with personal life insurance policy.

Carolyn Barksdale suggested that meeting minutes and the Chair's report be placed on the ACPE website. Teresa Snorton reported that she and Theodore Turman, who volunteered to set up an ACPE and REM Facebook page, are to be established next week. Sally Schwab made a plea that each member make a contribution this month to the Foundation. Currently, only about 30% of the membership has given to the Foundation and in order to receive funds from other grants for the capital campaign we need more membership contributions. An anonymous donor has agreed to match gifts of \$25 or more given during the Valentine Campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

Cecelia Williams asked, what was the status of redoing the by-laws and implications for this election? Bridget Piggue reported that the by-laws were approved in 2008 in Memphis at the general meeting. A committee redid by the laws and they were approved and placed on the website.

Gale Kennebrew, Vice-chair, presented the following slate of officers for 2010-2012 after reading the duties of each office from the By-laws. The slate of nominations for each position came from the nominating committee. The terms of office are: Chair and Vice Chair can serve 2 – 3 year terms. All other officers can serve as 3 – 2 year terms. All officers can serve a maximum of 6 years. The Vice-chair presented the following slate of officers:

Chair -- Harry Simmons
Vice-chair -- Gale Kennebrew
Secretary -- Brenda Wallace
Treasurer: Rhonda Daniels

Cecelia Williams moved that nominations be closed on the said names. The motion was seconded by Rose Bryan. There was some unreadiness before the motion was voted and carried.

A question was raised by Johnny Bush that we in REM have more diverse representatives in the leadership. Treasurer Nancy Osborne and Secretary Celsa Ayala-Coloma, who are current officers, declined to run for reelection.

Teresa Snorton asked that duties be read for each office before nominations are received from the floor. Dee Brown-Daniels asked that for the sake of time we forego the reading of duties. There was still some unreadiness by the group and Gale Kennebrew read the officer duties as presented.

There were no nominations from the floor for Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer. The slate was accepted and a motion by Cecelia Williams and seconded by Demetria Edwards (SW region) that the nominations be closed on the names presented was passed. Officers were elected overwhelmingly Yeah's with no Nay's officers were elected as presented.

Teresa Snorton commented that reading the duties was important because everyone present needed to have same information.

Calvin Reynolds Mid-Atlantic raised the concern that there were some regions without regional representatives. It was noted that representatives must come from the regions.

Natalya Johnson said she will follow up and volunteer as the representative from the Pacific region.

REM 2011 Update - Richmond, VA is the site for this REM and the group acknowledged a welcome from Dr. Kenney from Virginia Union University.

REM 2012 Update – Washington, DC in conjunction with the ACPE National Meeting. There was much discussion regarding the two meetings. Teresa Snorton, Executive Director, ACPE read the following motion from ACPE Board of Reps:

Resolved, that we enter into dialogue with REM leadership to explore the feasibility of holding our 2012 national conference in conjunction with the 25th anniversary REM conference in Washington, DC to include a celebration ritual of unification, and that ACPE hold one national conference each year thereafter.

Johnny Bush board that if diversity has created sacred space that ACPE will take on more leadership in attending the REM conferences. He felt that the motion was a decision about how REM will be swallowed up in ACPE.

Marqueeta Williams heard throughout the conference that no group disappears so that all groups could keep their uniqueness and identity. It appears that REM will be swallowed up in ACPE.

Karen Morris EC region asked that it be moved to decline the invitation made by ACPE and rather REM's 25th Anniversary and invite ACPE membership to attend if they chose. Motion

carried.

Teresa Snorton offered that finding a place in Washington for both REM and ACPE was proving to be impossible and keep cost down because it was more expensive in Washington than in other places.

Ann Kirts, SW said she accidentally found out about ACPE's ethnic, multi-faith, cultural diversity. Her center did not share any information about REM; nothing was said to the students that REM's meeting was in their town.

Sally Schwab said the board's intent does not want REM to assimilate into ACPE but that more conversation take place.

Dee Brown-Daniels said our fears are driving current conversation and we need more on-going conversation and identify what outcomes are expected in the merger. More crucial conversations need to take place before suggesting joint meetings.

Certification Recognitions:

Patricia Pirin Thresher, Candidate-North Central Region and Vickie Johnson, Associate- East Central Region. Harvey Rodgers, CPE Supervisor-Southeast Region the first African American male certified from South Carolina.

Teresa Snorton stated the ACPE Academy's 1st class will be held in Kansas City, MO. In addition, program grants are available and requests need to be in placed by 3/31/2010. There is \$25,000 available this spring for CPE programs or individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM. Motion made by Demetria Edwards, SW Region, and Rose Byran, Mid-Atlantic region, seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Perry Wallace