

MSA Board Agenda

11-20-17

- 11:00 Gather, greet, and devotional/prayer – Tim?
Personal “check in”
- 11:30 Financial update – James and Greg
- 11:45 Executive Director report - James (see attached)
- 12:30 Board Member update – James (see attached)
- 12:45 New Business, Next Steps
- 1:00 Close

Executive Director Report

October 25 – November 20, 2017

Vision and Mission

- After feedback from retreat, here are updated Vision and Mission statements.
 - VISION: An ecologically-centered Church passionately pursuing mission with its people, the poor, and the earth.

 - MISSION: To transform Christian thought and practice through educational endeavors that are ecologically focused, broadly integrative, and intentionally immersive.

STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE

GOAL: IMPLEMENT CIRCLEWOOD NAME/BRAND

- Still waiting to hear that “Circlewood” trade name application has been approved.

GOAL: BECOME A STABLE ORGANIZATION POISED FOR GROWTH

- Organizational Administration
 - Mail forwarding will expire on Dec. 21.
 - Waiting to hear about office space at Creekside Covenant Church in Redmond.
 - Have a potential bookkeeper in Louise Conner.
 - At the A Rocha retreat I met David Jones, Executive Director of Cedarstone Partners (also the A Rocha board chair). Cedarstone’s mission is to support non-profits through consultant-type work around financial operations, marketing communications, executive and board development, human resources, and analytics/strategy. There is an opportunity to meet with David in Chicago in January when I am there for a pastors’ conference. He would lead me (and Glenn) through a “Deep Dive”, taking a look at where we stand as an organization, where we need to go, and how to get there. Cost would be approximately \$2500. If we liked working with them, they also offer ongoing operational support such as accounting, bookkeeping, donation processing, state registration, etc.

- Board
 - Contact made with Gracie Ekblad (Tim) and Corey Greaves (Forrest).
 - Two ideas
 - Louise Conner
 - Lenore Three Stars
 - Position Descriptions
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair

- Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Fund/Friend Raising
 - Communications
 - Partnership
 - Support Systems
- Advisory Board
 - Tom S. contacted Al Tizon.
- Partnerships
 - A Rocha – attended and spoke at A Rocha retreat in Leakey, TX. Great networking.
 - Murdock + Covenant – Leadership conference Nov. 29-30. Will attend with Rob Mohrweis, Assoc. Director of Cascades Camp and Conference Center.
- Communication
 - Purchased a year of Constant Contact – first email newsletter almost ready to go – wait for website?
- Questions
 - Do we still need to procure liability insurance for board members?
 - How do we draft a 2018 budget?

GOAL: PURSUE INITIAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

- Renew Covenant Church community garden. Met with Pastor Dave Sim and Garden Coordinator Christy Thwing. My role will be helping Pastor Dave think through how to integrate the garden into the church ministry theologically and practically. I will also be helping Christy find mentoring help. So far Christine Sine has agreed to help, along with Marian Hanson, a landscape architect with training in restoration ecology. Next meeting is Dec. 1.
- Potential projects
 - Leadership learning trip – taking key leaders on an educational trip to help them think through and experience what a Christian ecological worldview is like. Idea is to visit urban, suburban/rural, and wilderness areas and integrating educational components with the experience.
 - Promoting “Wild Wonder” creation care curriculum from A Rocha.

GOAL: CARE FOR THE LAND ON CAMANO

- Land transfer – An application was sent to Wayfinder Legal Services on Nov. 10 asking for help in transferring title. Message back said 1-2 weeks to process.