



Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Telephone Conference Call
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM ET
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Minutes of Meeting

Opening

In attendance: Lauren Willis, Jeff Bates, Daniel Wilson, Dan Spadaro, Mark Johnson, Pakou Vang, Joy Greene, Gene Lutz, Jeff Copeland, Ron Herman

Did not attend: Fred Eckel, Greg Carlson, Michael Merrick

President Jeff Copeland opened the meeting in prayer at 10:04 AM ET

Membership

Vice President Daniel Wilson reported that we gained two new members from the membership challenge he implemented in 2018 and 18 were invited. He is not sure if we should repeat this challenge. We currently have 417 student members and 378 pharmacist members. Daniel suggested that he meet with Ron Herman and Nena Lindrose to set up the next membership challenge – renewing members being able to gift a membership to someone who is not a member. Ron stated he will need to look in to the best way to accomplish this in Memberclicks since there are challenges with the system and tracking revenue types. Having a coupon code was suggested. Ron and Daniel will meet sometime between March 18 and March 22 to discuss how to proceed. Jeff Copeland, Ron, and Daniel thought it would be a good idea to introduce this at the 2019 annual meeting.

Follow-up on annual meeting promo cards

President Jeff Copeland asked the group to comment on their experience with handing out annual meeting promo cards. Dan Spadaro gave a card to a faculty member and a student and commented that the student had already seen something on Facebook before he could give the card. Mark Johnson saw value in handing out this promo cards at prayer breakfasts. He had cards available at the recent ASHP/CPFI prayer breakfast. He also gave some cards to the student chapter president for meetings, etc. Joy commented that not a lot of her pharmacist colleagues that she knows are Christian so there has not been a lot of opportunity to give the cards out. Joy has students in a Bible study group at her school who are working on trying to come to the

annual conference. Jeff Copeland posted a card in his faculty lounge and talked to another faculty member about coming. Jeff Bates stated that things that don't cost a whole lot sometimes pay off over time – 3 to 5 years sometimes. Nena mentioned that one function of the cards we hoped for was that they could be used to start a conversation with someone and extend a personal invitation to the conference and to talk about CPFI if someone is not already a member.

Hands & Feet Grants and donation to Bob Watt's project

Nena Lindrose reported that all of the Hands 7 Feet and the Congo project checks have been sent out.

GMHC 2019

Nena Lindrose reported that CPFI will have the use of a meeting room for the 2019 Board meeting at the GMHC and a room for the Meet & Greet if we register as a general exhibitor rather than a partner. GMHC cannot guarantee which building general exhibitors will be in.

Student Scholarship Committee

Treasurer Dan Spadaro reported that 2012 was last year for this scholarship had any significant activity with just one year after 2012 \$100. was awarded to two students. Dan suggested that as the committee chair he would like to have this committee dissolved since he feels it has served its initial purpose and is no longer relevant. He also said the student scholarship started out with a different purpose. The scholarship was originally for special projects. New requirements for experiential study limit these projects. Other places (eg. U of Iowa) provide funding for required projects according to Ron Herman.

The Board discussed several different options for promoting this scholarship. Discussion centered on Facebook no longer being used by students. The group also discussed Instagram and Snapchat as being more relevant for students, but also required more maintenance. Lauren Willis suggested that postings on LinkedIn could be beneficial. Ron Herman mentioned including something in the Student Newsletter. Daniel Wilson asked Pakou Vang to contact the student publicist and that committee to provide suggestions about what we can do to better reach students. Pakou agreed this is a good idea and suggestions should come from students/publicist. Pakou said she will bring it up at a meeting this month and ask how CPFI can reach students better. Pakou is not sure if there is an Instagram account for students. She said there is a CPFI student committee on Facebook and it is active. Daniel asked Pakou to be sure current publicist has access.

Gene Lutz asked for a decision on Scholarship Committee and suggested Dan Spadaro, Jeff Copeland and Nena Lindrose look into the best way to proceed. Jeff Copeland said the student scholarship has served its purpose and we should revise the criteria or dissolve it. He also said he

thinks that with a goal of growing the organization, the best option is to get people to the annual meeting and especially students. Jeff C wants to have more discussion on this. Ron suggested a task force committee to explore possible uses for the funds currently designated for the student scholarship. Ron suggested Jeff Bates to serve on this committee along with Dan Spadaro and Pakou Vang. Jeff Copeland agreed to serve also and suggested that Pakou reach out to several students and ask them to serve. Jeff Copeland asked for a recommendation by the annual meeting and Pakou agreed.

T-shirts for Annual Conference

T-shirts will be crimson red and 100% cotton. Joy will have them shipped to her and labeled and bring to Myrtle Beach. Gene suggested that Joy make the decision on whether we offer one color or additional colors and not have the Board weigh in again.

Video recording of devotions at 2019 Annual Conference

Nena Lindrose has contacted Tristram Ford and he will video record the devotion sessions at the 2019 annual meeting. They will allow this on our RightNow Media/CPFI homepage, and sent instructions for accomplishing that.

RightNow Video posting CPFI devotions on their website

Nena Lindrose has contacted Rightnow Media to ask if CPFI can post our annual meeting video's on the Rightnow Media CPFI homepage. Waiting on response.

Serving second term on Board

Joy Greene is not sure yet if she will serve another term. Mark Johnson will not be serving a second term and also asked that someone else take over the Bylaws Committee. Gene Lutz offered to chair the bylaws committee and Jeff Copeland appointed him. Daniel Wilson will not be serving a second term. Jeff Copeland is willing to serve a second term. Jeff asked that final decisions be made by the end of February or early March for anyone not yet decided.

New business

Transfer from reserves to operating account

Dan Spadaro updated the Board on the January decision to transfer \$25,000. from the Vanguard reserves to the operating account.

Scholarly articles for Christianity & Pharmacy

Dan Spadaro suggested that CPFI consider including more scholarly type articles in upcoming issues of Christianity & Pharmacy. Mark Johnson said maybe schools of pharmacy can promote publishing in the journal especially where spirituality courses are being offered. Dan Spadaro agreed that would be a logical group to facilitate this effort.

Closing

Jeff Copeland asked the Board to pray for the CPFI Conference and the CPFI Student Scholarship task force. The Board asked for an update on Grace Heeralall and Nena Lindrose provided an update. Another suggestion was made to pray for Susan Smith.

Joy Greene offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michael Merrick, CPFI Secretary