

**BUSINESS MEETING
HSUMC MEETING WITH NCJ MEETING
UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
DAYTON, OHIO
WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2018**

At 10:50 Ivan Corbin started the meeting with a prayer which included petition for the healing for Bob Huggin's mother and for the United Methodist Church.

1. Elections

- a. Pat Thompson was elected for the one year position of Editor of *Historian's Digest*. No other nominations were offered. *Approved.*
- b. Because Don Brenneman has resigned the position of Membership Secretary due to personal reasons, Chris Shoemaker was elected to fill out Don's term. No other nominations were offered. *Approved.*

2. Ministry of Memory Awards—Doug Tzan explained that in early October, 2017, enquiries requesting nominations went out with a mid-February, 2018, deadline. Past nominations were added to new ones. In the process a number of questions came up due to contradictory information in different places and past traditions. We now have a Ministry of Memory Task Force which includes the Vice President, the members-at-large, plus one other. They will put together a policy and implement it.

According to past policy the nominees for next year will be elected as soon as possible after the end of the annual meeting. One policy change might be to grant the awards at Annual Conference or Jurisdiction level rather than at the annual meeting. Another possibility that has been floated is just to elect people in the jurisdiction where the annual meeting would be. Conferring the awards at Annual or Jurisdictional Conference, however, is what happened this year to a very positive effect. Such a practice would help with promotion of the work of ACH and Historical Society.

3. Membership Fees Kerri Schoemaker brought it to the Board's attention before our meeting that we are spending more money than we are bringing in. The Board proposes the following fees for membership:

- Regular/Institution: \$25
- Regular/Institution with print copy of *Methodist History*: \$50
- Joint paid by Annual Conference: \$20
- Joint paid by Annual Conference with print copy of *Methodist History*: \$45
- Student Membership: \$10
- Sustaining/Benefactor: \$100
- Life Membership/Joint Life Membership: \$800

Discussion: In response to a question it was affirmed that each of these levels of membership make a person a voting member. In response to a question of why the regular fee isn't increasing in proportion to the one that includes *Methodist History*, it was explained that the cost of subscription for the print copies is the main factor. It was suggested that GCAH could give Historical Society members a discount on the cost of *Methodist History*. HSUMC may also send out a fundraising letter similar to the one GCAH has been sending out. They have raised \$20,000 a year to supplement their apportionment funds. It was also suggested that when listing the various membership fee categories, that we start with the regular fees, and then list the fee with a print copy of *Methodist History*. It was also suggested that make it possible to become a member on-line. ***Approved with one opposition.***

4. Recommendation to Embargo *Methodist History* In the midst of the above discussion the original motion was tabled so that the members of the Historical Society could vote to suggest that GCAH place an embargo on public online posting of current issues for a year (the budget was then put before the body again and approved). *Methodist History* is GCAH's publication. Embargoing increases the value of the print media. ***Approved with one opposition.***

5. Budget—The following was proposed by Kerri Shoemaker and the Board:

<u>Income</u>	
Dues	\$8,600
Albea Godbold Fund	\$4,625
Total Income	\$13,225
 <u>Expenses</u>	
<i>Methodist History</i>	\$6,400
<i>Historian's Digest</i>	\$1,775
Awards	\$1,400
Speaker Fees/Travel	\$500
Travel (Board of Directors)	\$3,000
Postage and Miscellaneous	\$150
Total Expenses	\$13,225

Discussion: **Q:** Where does life membership money go? **A:** Fund is an accounting mechanism to keep track of donations, it's not enough to be an actual endowment. **Q:** What was the actual income and expense for last year? **A:** Income was \$6,731, Expenses were \$10,981.37 and our ending balance was \$3,430.18. *Approved with one opposition.*

Order of the Day—We stopped for lunch.

6. Implementation of New Fee Structure—It was proposed that we delay implementation of the new membership fee until January 2019.

Discussion: Do we need to revisit the budget if we do that? Should this delay be for life membership? We will need to publicize information immediately through the HSUMC chat list, and our new Facebook page as well as with *Historian's Digest* in the fall. All of the fee structure will take effect on January 1, 2019. *Unanimously approved.*

7. Other Business—If you live a long time a life membership will cost the organization. A better solution is to become a sustaining member in which one makes a little donation every year. We'll be asking for gifts from all members.

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