

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE, Board of**  
**October 30, 2015 meeting via Zoom audio/visual conference call**

**Member present:** Jack Runner (Chairman), Leonard Dailey, Don Smith, Richard Weins, Bob Conover, Steve Strutz (Conference Superintendent), and Brent Nymeyer (Conference Chairman and Assistant to the Superintendent), **Members not present:** Jon Oakland, and Stacy Vorhes

The meeting opened at 2 pm by Chairman Jack.

1. The first item of business was to discuss the proposed Conference budget for 2016. Jack led each member in reviewing the proposed budget and giving trend from the past couple of years. Jack pointed out that the giving in the past couple of years has peaked at an amount a little above \$475,000. He also reported that several churches have had to cut back on their tithing.

**WHEREAS**, tithing to the Conference from the churches has been peaking at an amount a little greater than \$475,000 and **WHEREAS**, some of the churches are currently struggling to give a tithe, and **WHEREAS**, the Conference Boards are willing to adjust their needs to a ceiling amount for the budget, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Administrative/Finance Board recommends to the Conference to accept the proposed budget for 2015 with a cap of \$475,000.

2. There were also three requests for funds not included in the proposed budget. The first of these requests was from Dale Erbele who has been hired as the president for Arrowhead Bible College, which is located at Beartooth Mountain Christian Ministries. He does not have funding available for travel to promote the school and to recruit students for next year. He has requested \$8000 from the Conference to do this for this year. If twenty plus students are recruited for next year, their tuition will be able to cover this cost for the following year.

**WHEREAS**, the Board sees the value of Arrowhead Bible college (ABC) and **WHEREAS**, the Conference can help be providing travel funds for this year, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Board proposes \$8000 to be taken from the 2015 positive cash flow (undesignated funds) for use for travel for the ABC president.

3. The second request was from Jim Neifert, Executive Director of Beartooth Mountain Christian Ministries (BMCM), for the purchase of two used buses for \$17,000. The buses would belong to BMCM, which means they would license them, keep them in repair/maintained, and insure them. During camping season, BMCM would use them to bring campers to BMCM. Jim proposed during the off camping season to keep the buses in two cities for any local church to use. Those using the buses would be charged to cover cost of fuel and insurance. This would be a low cost means for a local church to transport people from their church to any special event.

**WHEREAS**, the Board sees the value for BMCM to own two buses for transportation of campers to BMCM and **WHEREAS**, the Board sees the value of the buses being available during the off camping season for local churches to use and **WHEREAS**, the

Conference can help by providing funds for BMCM to purchase the buses, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Board recommends to the Conference to provide \$17,000 to BMCM to purchase two buses from the 2015 positive cash flow (undesignated funds). BMCM will own the buses and will be responsible for licensing, repairing/maintaining, and insurance coverage.

4. The third request was from Fred Rodda for the Conference to supplement Living Water Church to cover the cost of his Health Insurance at the amount of \$14,000 per year. In discussion, there was concern for the Conference to do this on a yearly basis rather than for one time which has not been the Conference policy. There were also questions whether Living Water could reduce its own budget to be able to cover this cost, and whether Fred has researched other means of Health Insurance that would be less costly but provide adequate coverage.

**WHEREAS**, there are unanswered questions relating to the request of \$14,000 from Fred Rodda for the Conference to cover the cost of his Health Insurance and **WHEREAS**, Brent and Steve will be discussing this matter with Fred later in the day, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Board recommends this request be delayed until more information is available. Brent will e-mail each Board member with the additional information for a later Conference call for of a recommendation from the Conference Council.

With no other business, the meeting ended at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Conover, Secretary