



April 11, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (April 11, 2023)

- 1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to record the minutes from the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men Executive Committee's meeting, which convened on April 11, 2023.
- 2. WELCOME & DEVOTION:** The meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men met for its April 2023 meeting on April 11, 2023, via ZOOM. President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order at 7:08PM, welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for joining the meeting. He then called on Jacque Williams, Director of Spiritual Development, to provide the devotion for the evening. Jacque used the daily devotion from the Upper Room and used Luke 22: 31-33 as the scripture for the evening. This scripture talks to the crucifixion and the fact that two criminals were crucified along with Jesus, one on the right and one on the left. Jacque pointed out that Jesus prayed for Simon, who had carried Jesus' cross. He stressed the need for us to pray for each other. As men of God, we should know that we are accountable for our actions. At this juncture, prayers were requested for Cary's father-in-law, for our Committee, that our focus be on our mission, that we be in unity as we go out to make disciples for Jesus Christ, and that we pray for an end to gun violence. With these prayer requests, Jacque took us to the throne of grace.

3. ROLL CALL: The next order of business was the Roll Call by the Secretary. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

BEN GREEN	JOHN HOLLEY	CARY LOESING	CHRIS KARABINOS
ERNEST PERRY	JEFF FULLER	GERMAN BETANCOURT	
MARQUIS RATLIFF	JOHN HEATH	ODELL HORNE	HOWARD EVANS

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA: At this time, President Ernest asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. Cary Loesing moved that the agenda be approved. John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

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5. REVIEW OF THE MARCH 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Next, President Ernest called upon John Holley, reference the minutes from the previous meeting. John had provided the minutes to the Committee Members via email. President Ernest also displayed the minutes on the screen for the benefit of the Body. John Heath moved that the minutes be approved. Howard Evans seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS: President Ernest acknowledged the attendance of German Betancourt and thanked him for his support.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: As the next order of business, Cary Loesing gave the Committee the status of our finances, to date. His report included income & expenses for March 2023, income & expenses, Year to Date for 2023, and assets on hand as of 31 March 2023. Income for March 2023 was \$180.00. The expenses for March 2023 were \$25.88. Income and expenses year to date are as follows: Income...\$625.66; Expenses...\$1,161.65. Assets in the Conference as of March 31, 2023 were \$13,722.18. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. President Ernest reported on the Presidents Annual Report to the Conference, Commission, and SEJ stance on disaffiliated Churches membership and participation in UMM activities. He indicated that there was some misunderstanding and that membership in a United Methodist Church is required to receive benefits of the United Methodist Men.

b. He is still seeking nominations to fill our vacancies on the Board. He thanked Howard Evans for continuing as Hunger Advocate. He has identified **the vacancies to the District Superintendents.**

Understand that these vacancies **need to be filled at our Annual Meeting in May.**

c. Updates from around the Districts: It was reported that **Odell is doing some travel** to Popular Spring and Fort Street. Cary talked about a Golf Tournament at Grace UMC on 9 May. **Bethel's Men Day celebration** will be occurring on 22-23 April. There will be a Youth Symposium. **Howard Evans informed** the men of the upcoming Men's Day at Red Oak.

d. NGC UMM Executive meeting and the Annual Board Meeting on May 9th: This was discussed as a possibility.

e. Planning for UMC Annual Conference (Who is planning to go?)

1. Hotel accommodations...This is linked to the registration.

2. UMM Fellowship Breakfast...The plan is for this to be on Saturday morning. The hope is to have 40 seats.

3. Exhibit Table...We need help to set-up and man the table. We should have our table next to the Scouting Table. **John Heath has all** the UMM materials. **John Heath mentioned** the need for 3X5 cards for the Prison Ministry. **John Heath suggested** that the material may need refreshing.

Chris Karabinos invited the Board to the Scouting barbeque on Thursday

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9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Fundraising Ideas:** We need ideas. Someone mentioned fundraisers using member initiated links where friends, family, and associates can make contributions. We need to reach out to Ike to see if he has ideas. There may also be matching gift ideas.

b. **Proposed 1 Day UMM Retreat in August 2023:** This is going to need everybody's support and input.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS: (Highlights only – Written reports must be submitted to President and Secretary prior to meeting)

a. **Vice President Membership, Organization, Chartering:** No report. The position is now vacant.

b. **Leadership Development:** No report. Position is vacant.

c. **VP Conference Affairs & Administration:** Jeff Fuller indicated that he had no official report, but that he is in touch with other agencies. He has a meeting with "Community with Peace" on May 6. He mentioned the event that he had with John Heath in December. He said this needs to be on the website. There was a workshop scheduled for 15 April from 10:00 – 2:00PM at Oak Grove UMC. A meal will be served. Jeff was asked to send out the announcement again.

d. **VP Activities & Retreats:** Albert Lyles was absent, and there was no report.

e. **Scout Ministry:** Chris Karabinos gave a short update on the legal status of scouting in the Conference and indicated that scouting is getting back to in person activities. He pointed out that Bishop Deese is a strong supporter of scouting. The Bishop's Luncheon is already scheduled for next year. At the Annual Conference, scouting will be highlighted. On Thursday night, they will have a barbeque at Brad's Farm.

f. **Director of Evangelism:** Marquis Ratliff reporting on his training initiative and the fact that he is already engaged with the Lay Leaders in the Central North District. The Board is interested in what he is doing, and he will continue to contact the Lay Leaders across the Conference.

g. **Director of Disaster Response:** Ben Green gave an update on the tornadoes in West Georgia and where we were at the end of March. He indicated that recovery may be where we are going to be with the current situation. Things are going to be more active in June. He is putting information on the web. He talked about Mark Brown at Northside and the fact that he needs to get his plan together. The bottom line is that these situations are fast moving.

h. **Director of Prayer Advocacy:** The position is vacant. There was no report.

i. **Director of Spiritual Development:** Jacque Williams shared with the Committee that he continues his focus on the Walk to Emmaus. There was a walk at the end of March, and it went well. There was a walk scheduled during 27-30 April. Marquis commented about 30 pilgrims walking during the week of 11 April.

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j. Hunger Advocate: Howard Evans indicated that he had no report but that he had members who went to Biloxi.

k. Prison Ministry: John Heath reported that he had met with the new supervisor. Things are starting to look up. He talked about the system being revitalized and the use of the QR code making the system easier. He talked about putting information on business cards, but the use of 3X5 cards may be better. Jeff Fuller suggested that he may want a table for Prison Ministry at Annual Conference.

l. Director of Communications: Odell talked about external and internal communication and about information that was disseminated on 19 August but was rescinded with the new leadership.

m. Director of Missions: This position is vacant. There was no report.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update Website – photos, content, officers, sponsors, donations options (needs memo line) Continue to send information to Odell. Ike is looking to exit. Marquis is willing to help update the website

b. Outreach or advocacy needs around the Conference: John Heath said he wanted to reemphasize the fact if you see something, say something. Keep your eyes open. President Ernest wants John Heath to continue doing his great work. Also, he said pray...all of us are praying men. We are feeling the impact of the absence of a Prayer Advocate. It is time to pray. Let's commit to pray the Lord's Prayer at 12PM, Monday to Friday.

c. Questions, comments, or concerns. Odell indicated that Young Men Ministry is tabled for the time being.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the good of the. There were none

13. CLOSING REMARKS: There were no closing remarks

14. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

15. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH: With all minds and hearts clear, Marquis Ratliff gave the closing prayer for the evening. The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

The minutes are prayerfully submitted by,

John C. Holley , Secretary

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Attachment: Treasurer's Report for March 2023

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 03/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$60.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$0.88

Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$120.00

Total Revenue

\$180.88

Expenses

Expenses

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(17.00)

PayPal Fee \$(8.88)

Total Expenses

\$25.88

Net income for Period

\$155.00

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General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$180.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$1.66

Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$24.00

FellowshipLetter \$300.00

Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$120.00

Total Revenue

\$625.66

Expenses

Expenses

Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(51.00)

PayPal Fee \$(14.32)

Dues and Subscriptions

Jurisdiction Dues \$(300.00)

NACP \$(200.00)

Miscellaneous

\$(208.33)

Total Expenses

\$1,161.65

Net loss for Period

\$535.99

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference Assets 03/31/2022

Assets			
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Checking Account		\$1,579.76	
Savings Account		\$2,242.26	
Money Market		\$9,647.24	
PayPal		\$252.92	
Total Assets			\$13,722.18