

Florida Mission Center Conference Minutes

November 13, 2021 – Zoom

~35 attendees

Ken Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Hymn 350 was sung and then Phil Wiseley offered a prayer. Campbell presented the Minutes from the 2019 and 2020 FMC Conferences. The minutes were approved by the conference.

Apostle Barbara Carter brought greetings from world church. She read the Letter of Recommendation for Ken Campbell, Mark Dixon and Chuck Petz to continue as the Mission Center President Team. The conference voted to sustain the Team. Apostle Carter then read the Letter of Recommendation for Chuck Petz to serve as Mission Center Financial Officer. The conference voted to sustain Petz. Apostle Carter expressed her support for the entire leadership team of the FMC.

Mark Dixon shared the Leadership Team report. Dixon moved to sustain the Mission Center Council; the motion was seconded. Council members were introduced to the conference. The vote to sustain was unanimous.

Chuck Petz recognized Dave and Lee Payne for their leadership in the Tarpon Springs congregation. The Paynes then gave a report on all the congregation has accomplished in the past several years.

Serena Tankersley shared a report on Youth Ministries.

Chuck Petz asked for a motion to approve the 2019 audit. David Bartlett so moved, and the motion was seconded. No questions were asked about the report. The vote carried. Peter Smith moved to approve the 2020 audit. The motion was seconded, no questions were asked, and the vote carried.

Peter Smith moved to approve the 2022 FMC Budget. The motion was seconded. The Budget was discussed thoroughly in a pre-conference discussion; no further questions were asked. The vote carried unanimously.

Ken Campbell called for New Business. Mike Barnett spoke to the report he has submitted as a future model for Deerhaven's sustainability without congregation assessments. Barnett called for volunteers to help market the campground to the types of groups discussed in the report.

Ken Campbell presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution Regarding Net Proceeds from Sale of Pinellas Park Building

Whereas the Pinellas Park congregation was administratively closed by Apostle Barbara Carter in November 2021, which in turn requires mission center support in use of net proceeds;

Whereas the property will be listed for sale for the price of \$995,000;

Whereas Community of Christ has need to fund the Bridge of Hope retirement responsibility, specifically the portion the Southeast Field is required to fund amounting to \$5.3 million; now therefore be it

Resolved the Florida Mission Center approves the donation of 75% of net proceeds to the Bridge of Hope, with the remaining 25% available for use within the Florida Mission Center to be determined by a missional plan, subject to the approval of the First Presidency.

Campbell explained that the Pinellas Park congregation voted to close due to low membership and now the church building is for sale. Sam Nichols moved the resolution; the motion was seconded and discussion followed. The vote carried. Apostle Carter expressed gratitude for the ministry that took place in Pinellas Park for so many years.

Ken Campbell recognized Peter Smith for his time as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister and the ministry he provided in that role.

Debbie Bartlett reminded the conference of upcoming events. She will also be posting all conference reports, minutes, and documents to the FMC website in the coming week.

The conference sang hymn 558. Janice Lotz offered a prayer.

The conference adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bartlett