

CCER DRAFT MINUTES 3/28/2019

Present: Tyler Kerr, Lew Powell, Stephanie Johnson, Brian Sellers-Petersen, Nathan Empsall, Robert Fitzpatrick, Westom Matthews, Andrew Thompson, Robert Hirschfield, Cathleen Bascom, Melanie Mullen, PJ Griffin, Perry Hodgkins-Jones, Delia Heck, David Rice, Mark Richardson

- Approved Minutes from Jan. Meeting
 - Lew Powell moved, David Rice seconded, unanimous
- Discussion of grant program: Overview by Perry Hodgkins-Jones
 - New model proposed: two pools: seed 1,000-10,000. Impact: 10,000+ (maybe cap of 25k)
 - Feedback from Cathleen Bascom, sometimes 10k isn't enough money to create a sustainable program.
 - Request for proposal (RFP) or letter of intent as a beginning of the application process. What is the project, and how much do you think you would need to complete the project? Guide people to categories for seed or impact grants.
 - People complete RFP, then able to give feedback immediately to applicants rather than them having to go through with the entire application process.
 - Google form out on Easter Monday; get responses by end of May, respond to call for applications by June, applications due at end of July, review applications in August, give to executive council in September/October. Require report from grantees after 1 year. Multiple cycles? Or just one cycle? Probably 2 cycles.
 - We want this process to open it up to more people who aren't your typical grant writers.
- Stephanie Spellers, budget:
 - \$1,000,000 for creation care for triennium
 - If more eco justice sites, money line item 166 can be moved to 165.
 - Use advisory council money for consultation and for carbon offsets
 - Conference of parties 2/3 years of triennium.
 - COP \$8,500 from our budget for 9 people. Plus \$8500 from UN and OGR.
 - Approximately \$17,000 per year
 - Funding for COP should come out of line 173
 - Recommendations to EC come from this group for COP
 - Staff associate approved with knowledge of creation care, but no staff officer position. Have a person by June!
- Carbon Pledge: Invite 10 people to take the pledge!
- Delia, summary of eco-justice ministry
 - Deadlines for story-sharing videos on Basecamp
 - Identifying other sites for story-sharing
 - Need to get definitions of Environmental Racism and Environmental Justice
- Theology working group
 - Speakers bureau
 - Network of seminaries as an opportunity to share how they are incorporating environmental issues into curricula
 - A revival of some sort. Conference/meeting about creation care
 - Build conversation around creation care theology