Task Force to Study Church’s Pension System

Minutes of July 17, 2019 Meeting

Attending: Doug Anning (joined late), Michael Barlowe, Diane Jardine Bruce, Jane Cisluycis, Clayton Crawley, Mark Hollingsworth, Anne Mallonee, Brian Prior, Nancy Sanborn

Michael Barlowe opened the meeting with a prayer. He thanked the working group for producing the outline that the task force would be discussing today, and asked Jane Cisluycis to walk them through it. The group discussed whether they should be concerned with the length of the report, and agreed that some information can be provided by including URLs in the report. There was also concern that care be taken to present a balanced report, framed in a theological understanding. The task force agreed that certain changes should be made to the outline achieve this balance and address other comments that were discussed.

Michael Barlowe then called on Nancy Sanborn to go through the questions she had posted to the Extranet. She described the questions that the working group had concluded should be discussed by the full task force. After some discussion, the group decided that the best way to go forward would be to have another in-person meeting to discuss various issues and opportunities, including whether and how to incorporate them in the joint report. The CPG team was also asked to identify other issues and opportunities for discussion, to ensure that the discussion would be balanced.

Next steps:

1. Jane Cisluycis will make the changes to the outline that the group suggested and post a clean copy.
2. Everyone on the task force should begin thinking about which items you want to be part of writing
3. Michael Barlowe will propose the areas where we are ready to immediately do some writing on, and will provide a simple proposal about how people can identify themselves as being interested in writing.
4. GCO will conduct a Doodle poll to find a time for the in-person meeting.
5. Members are invited to post on the Extranet issues and opportunities they would like to discuss. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.