

Department for Outreach meeting — November 7, 2017

Summary Report to the congregations and members of LCC, East District

Mr. Paul Glinz representing the London circuit, was welcomed to the DfO.

Reports were received from: the BoD liaison, Pastor Bublitz, the District's Business Manager, Mr. Holland, and our Mission Encourager, Pastor Mohr, and District President, Pastor Zabel.

The primary concern at this meeting was about budgeting and Pastor Mohr reviewed our various outreach ministries as we discussed budget allocations.

At our previous meeting, a motion was passed to: "recommend to the BOD to establish this "Ochsner Worship Fund" to help mission and assisted congregations be able to buy equipment to help with the worship life of the congregation."

The following is taken from the summary report of the BoD's meeting of Sep.26&27/17:

Motion 17-070: That the Board allow the DfO to use up to \$20,000 per year from the "D. Oschner Bequest" to provide matching grants to struggling congregations for worship-enhancing items.

The matching grants would be administered as follows:

Purpose: To allow Struggling congregations and missions already receiving assistance to acquire items such as:

1. Keyboards or other instruments or computer devices or software for leading hymn-singing and liturgy.
2. Altar-ware such as candleholders, candles, altar crosses, processional crosses, and the like.
3. Communion-ware, baptismal fonts, shells, candles, and other items useful for the proper administration of the sacraments.
4. Paraments, banners, vestments for assisting ministers such as elders or acolytes.

Parameters:

1. Congregations/Missions apply for the grant through the ME/DfO, stating amount requested, how the funds would be used, and date when funds would be needed.
2. Grant applications must be approved by the DfO either at a regular meeting or through an email vote. Use of this grant would be reported annually to the East District BoD.
3. Approval of applications is at the discretion of the DfO.
4. Congregations funds would be matched up to \$10,000.
5. Total funding would be limited to \$20,000 per year.

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Motions were passed to:

"ratify the email vote (October 5th) to approve Our Saviour, London the request of \$5,500 for a new organ for their building from the Ochner Fund."

And to: "grant up to \$2500 of matching funds to Redeemer, St Thomas in order to repair their pipe organ from the Ochner Fund."

Other motions were passed to:

“use DFO discretionary funds to support Rev Castillo’s presence on the Nicaragua Mission Team for January 2018 with \$1000.”

And to: “add to the expenses of Rev James Luke as MAL, \$2000 available to him for the year to be expensed for the Friday night fellowship meals.”

And to: “approve up to \$700 so that Javed Khan can purchase a tablet for use in the WECLO mission from the Urban Missions Fund.”

Two other motions were passed asking for the BoD’s consideration.

1. To recommend to the BoD and the DFF the 2018 DFO Work Budget.
2. To request \$5000 to fund the meetings of our Department for 2018 and \$500 for Mission Committee and \$500 for the EvangelFest.

EvangelFest is planned for May 2019.

Our next scheduled meeting is February 20th, 2018.

Questions or comments can be directed to our Mission Encourager, Rev. Ron Mohr (rmohr@lceast.ca)
or, the chairman of the Department for Outreach, Paul Otterman, (ottermanp@hotmail.com).