

**TAMFS Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
February 20, 2006**

In Attendance:

Lisa, Bruce, Mary, Jenna, Doug, Bob, Jim, Janie, Leigh, Ray, Brian, Beth

**Meeting Called to Order with Prayer at 7:38 P.M.**

**Approval of the Minutes: With the following changes**

Monday, February 27 MIM Training

**Brian Finance & Fundraising**

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|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Current Funds:      | \$1117.00     | Available in Funds        |
| 2. Major Funds Due:    | \$10,000 DUPC | Still due from the 30,000 |
| 3. Legal Defense Fund: | \$4,607.34    | In the Legal Defense Fund |

**Letter from Mieke for 1500 Inquirers and Candidates July Retreat - Brian**

1. Motion to pay the \$1,000 to the Inquirers and Candidates Retreat payable when cash flow permits. Seconded. Approved.
2. Budgeted 1000. Seconded and Approved
3. Motion seconded and carried
4. When is it due – as soon as possible

**TAMFS Finance Group - Brian**

1. Discussion on endowments.
2. Discussion on other funds.
3. Discussion on “transition fund” or some other type of fund to invite people to give out of their gratitude for the work of Janie and TAMFS, at this time.
4. Motion that a fund be created to create a proposal for a “reserve fund” to provide for TAMFS. Seconded: Discussion followed. Motion approved.
5. Janie asked if we have gotten our finance report for the month, which has not been distributed, as of yet.

**Minister’s Director Report: - Janie**

1. Janie reviewed the report that distributed.
2. Major Donor funding will be taking place over the next two weeks. Those not able to attend will receive information in the mail. Janie reminded us that this is a ministry; remembering that the call is pastoral so that we can stand by our donors in their lives.
3. Janie also reviewed the upcoming conference, including meetings with major donors and churches to join us in partnership on this conference. Also a question about whether we can get the booth to the conference in Atlanta. Janie also thanked
4. GA is moving along, with Kate Van Brocklin. Janie asked that everybody email Janie for sure so that everyone has arrangements can be made. All those who are coming are asked to remain through the luncheon on Monday.
5. Janie also spoke about her upcoming trial, discussing with others about what will be taking place in the future. The trial is on March 2 and a public relations firm has been hired to gain national attention. Jenna also talked about resources she

had available. WXXI – Janie gave an interview on National Public Radio. A discussion followed on ways to continue to make Janie’s trial as meaningful and national as possible as part of the justice ministry of Janie and TAMFS.

**Personnel Report:**

1. **Two Options were reviewed, based on report distributed by Jim Vesper:**
  - a. Maize: Full time minister/director and ½ time development director.
  - b. Blue Option: Two full-time co-directors or minister directors with one of them being responsible for fund-raising development.
2. Comments by other committee folks who participated in the original discussions:
  - a. Lisa talked about primary responsibility for fund-raising being in the hands of one person. She reviewed a discussion we had about living by fear and living by faith.
  - b. Ray talked about what the organization will look like and how the structure will address that design. Fundraising is inherent in the ministry.
  - c. Janie: to be queer and a person of faith invites people into an interesting employment. Many of us who do this work understand that it is a risk, but a faithful.
3. Group comments: A discussion followed by all commenting on the models. We talked about how fund-raising will be integrated in the work. Comments about finding individuals with a track record in marketing and successfully doing fund-raising. The next steps would be:
  - a. There is an emerging consensus around the “Blue Option” – Two full-time co-directors or ministers. Little energy seemed to be in favor of the “Maize Option” Full time and ½ positions. To affirm this, a suggestion was made to take a voice “vote” to see if there was consensus.
  - b. Conversation followed that led to the decision to wait on trying to come to consensus.
  - c. Everyone was invited to pray and write down their comments to let other members on the board know where they stood on these options or other ideas they might have.
  - d. We will have another Board Conference Call on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. to specifically talk about the options discussed.

### **Regional Coordinator's Report - Lisa**

1. Lisa reviewed her work on the hotline, major donors, traveling, and many things in the works.
2. Lisa has been spending a great deal of time working on various GA items.
3. Action items:
  - a. Requested the approval for preachers for GA: Bear Ride and Don Stroud. Motion; Seconded, Approved.
  - b. Lisa reviewed the GA strategy briefing that was forwarded to everyone.
4. A discussion followed talking about the Heartland Overture and its content and other related topics.
5. The speaker for the GA luncheon will be The Rev. Dr. Janie Adams Spahr!

### **Spiritual Care & Seminarians Report – Jenna**

1. Jenna reviewed the upcoming gathering and other information regarding Spiritual Care and Seminarians.
2. Time is being set for the time/theme of the conference.

### **Session Report:**

1. Gordon has asked that TAMFS meet with them tomorrow night (February 21) about the budget.

**Janie offered the closing prayer.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 P.M.**