Board Minutes 06_02_26 with an Addendum which records an action taken by the Board at their Retreat June 6, 2026

Pacific Northwest Conference Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2026

Board Members Present: Sandy Wisecarver, Moderator; Dawn Koloi, Vice-Moderator; Diana Kutas, Treasurer; Morag Stewart; Ron Patterson, Scribe; Leah Atkinson Bilinski; Amy Johnson; Ryan Lambert; Tevita_Fakasiieike; Demontrice Bigham; Edwin Galeai; Melanie Childers.

Staff: Acting Conference Minister Lorraine Ceniceros; Mark Boyd, Executive Director, PNC Outdoor Ministries; Andy Warren, Conference Accountant

Guest: Cindy Bauleke, Chair COM West.

Absent:

Excused:

Addendum to the Minutes of May 5, 2026. The Board approved the call of the Rev. Dr. Lorraine Ceniceros, to become our Acting Conference Minister. We did not include her name in last month's minutes because she had not yet shared news of her call to PNC with the people of her former Conference.

As people signed on to our meeting, we welcomed Loraine to our Conference.

Sandy, our Moderator, called us to order and led us into a period of worship. She shared a recent UCC daily devotional by Rachel Hackenberg, concerning 'one more thing……always something more to say when we are together'. Love keeps us still talking when it comes time for a farewell. We add time and content to our times of parting because we love! Sandy led us in prayer.

Sandy asked for the approval of the minutes of the May meeting by consensus. We had a consensus, Minutes approved.

Camp Reports

The Moderator called on Mark Boyd, Executive Director for Outdoor Ministries. Mark noted that his written reports were available in Basecamp.

He reviewed the list of upcoming groups using Pilgrim Firs and some of the details. He reported that the Fire Marshall has said that the tent currently being used as an outdoor dining and activity center does not meet fire codes. Mark is working on a temporary permit with the Fire Department and on possible solutions. The Stone Carvers have a show on July 18. He invited the Board to attend.

He reviewed groups using N-Sid-Sen. About 40 attended the recent woman's retreat. His visit to the camp in May had enabled him to be in touch with several groups. The new kitchen staff is working out well. Zach visited the camp with Mark and worked with the cooks on the menu needs of the Warrior Pathh Group which is expanding their work to N-Sid-Sen. Many groups have rebooked. Warrior Pathh hopes to lay out a new labyrinth at N-Sid-Sen. June is looking busy.

Mark then presented his report as our camp's Executive Director. He has been busy working with Randy and Zack concerning summer camps. He met with the Sufi leaders. He will be meeting with Lady of the Lake leaders.

Our registration program, UltraCamp, is a continuing problem. People are having problems paying. We need to find a better payment platform. Mark and others will begin researching this in the Fall. We need to transition. Ultra Camp is expensive and they are difficult to work with. He attended Kevin Bechtel's installation.

Mark reported that the search for a new Director at N-Sid-Sen is continuing. They had a good candidate who declined because the salary was not what they had hoped for. Their second option was not viable. They pulled the listing and will now rewrite the job description. The new job description listing will go out June 15, with the application deadline in September.

Outdoor Ministries Kids camp was cancelled at Pilgrim Firs because of a lack of registrations. Mark believes that the "You and Me Camp" is the entry way to children, noting that parents and children seem to have a greater comfort level as first time campers with the "You and Me" format.

Further details about the possible Council of Stewards are outlined in Basecamp for Board consideration.   He invited members of the Board to attend the Pride Picnic this weekend at Pilgrim Firs.   Leaders are reviewing a possible Conservation easement at N-Sid-Sen. One possibility is a Conservation Burial Alliance which promotes composting human remains.

Mark answered questions. He will provide more information about possibilities for UltraCamp next steps. Is there a way to incentivize the position at N-Sid-Sen? This had been considered by the Board several years ago without resolution.

He asked the Board for feedback on the Council of Stewards. He noted that the edits we suggested have been incorporated. What he presented was comprehensive. Extensive discussion ensued and it was clear that the Board needs to be clearer about what this advisory group means for the Conference.

We will discuss this further at the retreat.

ACM Report

Lorainne's current plan is to be in PNC on Thursdays and return home on Tuesdays, every other week through the summer.   She will be working on her schedule. She will be joining the Board for their retreat this coming weekend and will be meeting with staff.

Financial Reports

Andy presented the financial reports. ***The ones below are the figures Andy promised the Board at the time of this meeting and reflect the actuals. The Board is reminded that Andy posted the complete Financial reports on Friday, June 12, 2026.***

Fiscal Year to Date **Conference Ministries** income was $505,717, expenses were $554,356 for a FYTD deficit of ($48,639) which is less than the projected deficit.

Fiscal Year to Date **N-Sid-Sen** income was $484,127 expenses were $404,569 for a FYTD profit of $79,558. This is ahead of projection.

Fiscal Year to Date **Pilgrim Firs** income was $1,001,117expenses were $880,298 for a FYTD profit of $120,719. This is ahead of projection.

He noted that business has been better at N-Sid-Sen and that Pilgrim Firs continues to perform well, breaking the 1M mark! Lots of people worked very hard to make this happen, with special thanks to Randy and Linda Crowe, who continue their outstanding volunteer efforts.

We have now received the proceeds from the sale of the Columbia Lakewood Church property. Our 5/8 share of the net sale was $711,000. Andy will roll this into UC Funds slowly to reflect an unstable market, using dollar averaging. He is working with the Stewardship Committee on placing these funds. The Board will receive a recommendation from the Stewardship Committee.

Andy answered questions and reminded us that he is always available for our questions.

Liaison Reports

Edwin reported on the May 18 COLC meeting. They are about to make a recommendation to the Board on the Family of Christ, Full Gospel Church. They are developing a positive relationship with this congregation. This congregation is in Tacoma and members of the COLC and COM have visited this congregation. COM will be working with the minister of this congregation on becoming a Minister in Discernment.

The committee is reviewing and about to recommend grants to PNC congregations for their work. They are considering a large gathering at Pilgrim Firs.

The Board raised some questions concerning the theology of churches coming into membership in the Conference. Edwin reported that these issues continue to be considered and worked through. Dawn spoke about her relationship with this particular congregation.

We agreed that we still have a great deal to learn and that we are called to be sensitive to situations which cause hurt and pain to others

Diana our Treasurer, reported on our Banking relationships with Banner Bank and our need to update the signature cards. She presented two resolutions concerning those authorized to sign checks and to do our banking.

It was moved, seconded, and passed—to approve a resolution to update the Banner Bank signers. Ron, our scribe, was authorized to sign the resolution and return it to Diana to share with Banner Bank.

It was moved, seconded, passed to open a new account with Boeing Employees Credit Union, since this organization has branches near our camps. Andy spoke about the advantages of this. They are more open to our current practices, and it is easier to update signature cards. While Banner Bank is doing more electronically, Boeing does this more fully.

Ron, our scribe, was authorized to sign the resolution and return it to Diana to share with the Boeing Employees Credit Union.

Andy called for Board action to approve the ACM's Housing Allowance. It was moved, seconded, passed to set the housing allowance for FY 26 at $20,000 with the remainder set aside as salary.

Amy invited the Board's consideration of a call to action by the Lavender Interfaith Collective asking for support to sign on to their statement supporting LGBTQIA+. She detailed this request in Basecamp on May 12, with relevant details. This call to action and engagement reflects and acknowledges the trauma that trans and gender expansive people are currently experiencing. Their statement affirms that "All people are sacred and all lives are woven together". This organization is seeking individual religious leaders and organizations to affirm their statement.

It was moved and seconded that as a Board we sign on. After discussion, the motion was removed from the table and individuals were urged to review the call to action and sign on as individuals.

The Unity Fund

Demontrice asked the Board to review how the Unity Fund is administered and who oversees the disbursement of funds. After discussion, it was agreed that Demontrice would review the current procedures and propose guidelines for the process of fund dispersal. Andy will share the documentation he has.

Sandy asked volunteers to prepare worship on Friday and Saturday. Amy will lead an opening worship.

We hope all can attend the retreat in person.

Loraine closed our meeting with a beautiful and powerful prayer.

We will gather for dinner at the Doubletree, South Center, Seattle on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm and then on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 9:00 am, at Fauntleroy UCC in West Seattle for our retreat.

Next Meeting, July 7,2026 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Patterson, Scribe

Addendum

The minutes of a brief meeting called by the Moderator during the June 6, 2026, Board Retreat

The Moderator called a special meeting of the Board on June 6, 2026. Sandy called for a motion to approve an advisory committee at Pilgrim Firs with the Name- Pilgrim Firs Council of Stewards, an Advisory Committee to support the Camp Director. This is in response to a proposal by our Executive Camp Director, Mark Boyd. Details on this advisory committee and its composition are in Basecamp. It was moved, seconded, and passed. The Moderator adjourned this special meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Patterson, Scribe