AJCU Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Education 2017

Thursday, February 15 to 16, 2017

Business meeting:

Members present: Shanna Bartlett, Mike Canaris, Timone Davis, Colt Anderson, Tim Carmody, Shannon McAlister, Anastasia Wendlinger, Brian Schmisek and Mariana Miller

1. Nominations:
   a. The 9 members present at the meeting nominated a person for vice president, Timone Davis collected the names in a bowl.
   b. Anastasia wrote names on white board
      i. Nominees: Brett Hoover, Timone Davis, Mike Canaris, Colt Anderson, Shanna Bartlett, (one nomination each), Mariana Miller (four nominations)

2. Votes:
   a. Mariana was asked to give a statement, she said she was happy to serve since she’s passionate about the formation of ministers in the church.
   b. The rest of the nominees expressed they were not interested in serving at this point.
   c. Brett was absent, but since he had only one nomination, we proceeded with the vote.
   d. Mariana Miller was voted in as vice president.

3. Meeting date for 2018:
   a. Anastasia asked if we still wanted to have our meeting together with AGPIM.
   b. Colt suggested to have it after AGPIM, i.e., Sunday, February 18, 2018 to Monday, February 19, 2018.
   c. Vote about this: unanimous vote for trying this new format of having the AJCU meeting after AGPIM in 2018.

4. This year the chairs of theology were invited, but there was no response.
   a. Anastasia suggested not to separate theology from ministry.
   b. Tim said that at Spring Hill College theology is taught to undergrads, whereas the ministry program is a graduate program, but there’s only one department, the theology department.
   c. The AJCU Conference for Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Education was founded as a theology and ministry conference, but it has developed more into a conference for pastoral and ministerial education.
   d. Shanna gave a history overview: when it was founded the idea was to bring together people from schools of theology and schools of ministry. How we define ourselves also defines who we invite.
   e. Important to know who we are as forming people who will go out in the world to work for the church.
   f. Brian: proposed a change in the name of the conference: AJCU for Ministry Schools.
   g. Action: the change of name will be discussed in the 2018 meeting.

5. Mission statement: next meeting will be a good time to look at it again and see if we need to modify it.
6. Action for planning next year: create a survey or some kind of working group to get input from all members regarding the mission statement and title of the conference.
7. Final prayer.
8. Meeting was adjourned.