

# CMCL Church Council

## 7:00pm July 11, 2022 (Zoom)

Present: Cal, Pauline, Mike, Ken, Drew, Marian, Margaret, Leslie  
Guests: Larry  
Absent: Carol

Opening: Ken - shared a passage from My Grandfather's Blessings by Rachel Naomi Remen regarding the 8 levels of charity and what that means for us as we approach contributing to reparations.

1. Approval of June Minutes - Leslie points out clarification around the action around exploration of PRC's taking on our bookkeeping. ACTION: Marian motions to approve with the change. Drew seconds. All in favor.
2. Staff Reports - Leslie highlights 1. a proposal from the PRC around a "store" helping people with food insecurity. Leslie is considering the bottom floor of the Grant St. building for MOOS, and our basement could be used for the store. 2. Along that vein, is council ready to let people use the building without needing to check with council every time? ACTION: Drew motions to return to our previous policy. Pauline seconds. All in favor. 3. Council members all need to do Safe Church training.
2. Financial Report - we are 8% behind on revenue (\$126k behind the budget); however, we are under budget in all expenses. The end of year may bring larger gifts.
3. Summer services/Masking: singing only? - We agree to wait until little ones can be fully vaccinated (a month from now) and discuss again.
4. How to meet (council) in August (and beyond) - None of us really mind Zoom too much. ACTION: Ken moves that we consider the weather: if suitable, we can meet outside at Leslie's house. If not, Zoom is fine. Drew seconds.
5. Grant Street/Lift proposal cost Increase (\$40k?). We loaned the project 40k at the outset. We could consider forgiving that loan to help close that gap. The project will require additional funds to be raised (less if we forgive the loan). No action required by us tonight.
6. Dismantling Racism proposal - Reparations and Summit are the 2 pieces of the proposal. It seems like investing some time with congregational buy-in would be worthwhile. e.g., Christian ed series, etc.
7. Land Acknowledgement Statement
8. New Council Members: Judith Laubauch? Daryl Snyder? Verna Miller? We can feel free to email further ideas in the coming week(s).
10. Congregational meeting (August 28?)  
Budget - action item  
Update on Grant St. and lift projects  
Reparations proposal - introduction to learn more over next 6-12 months  
Land Acknowledgement Statement  
Leadership Selection Slate 2022-2023 - Action
11. Safe Church Policy (needs review, outside input, council orientation) - take this up in a couple of months.
12. Next Meeting: 7:00 August 8 *in person* on Leslie's back porch 1115 Watson Ave., Lancaster, weather permitting (if not, then Zoom). Marian and Drew will not be in town; Drew planning on zooming in.
13. SRC Report - Carol not present to give today. But Leslie can share that Pam Brubaker has agreed to be interim pastoral support while Susan is on sabbatical. Marilou is off to a great start. All the teacher slots are filled for next year.
14. Adjourn - Ken motions we adjourn. Drew seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.