

CMCL church council minutes

October 10, 2023

In-person(!) in the Parrot Gallery - the first indoor in-person meeting since March of 2020!

Present: Cal, Carol, Larry (guest), Leslie, Margaret, Mike, Marian, Marlene, John
Absent: Ken, Drew, Laurel

Opening: Carol - She discussed how formative her time in Botswana as a child was for her.

1. Approval of September Minutes (w addition of Aug 21 action: continue to mask at one service): **Carol moves that we approve them. Margaret seconds. All in favor. Minutes approved.**
2. Financial Report - \$22,000 income for September less a \$7k deposit that should have counted towards September. On the cover sheet you will see that the offerings are \$14,700 less than last year. • Under expenses the negative figure under is Church Retreat line is from participant contributions made and the payment has not been made to Camp Hebron yet. • The ACC Youth retreat line is over budget because that payment has been made and participant contributions have not yet been recorded. • We are into the first month with PRC keeping our books.
3. Thanks for year-end giving: Perhaps we should send a message to the congregation thanking everyone for the strong year-end giving. What would that look like? Email? Include in worship? Several ways? Cal will compose this and send it around for our general approval.
4. Chestnut Housing MOU (\$3000 annually, enclosed) - Finalize responsibility of utilities. The final MOU will need to be approved at a congregational meeting.
5. Staff Reports - We need to respond to ACC by Dec. 1 regarding credentialing of LGBTQIA+ individuals. Shall we send on what we worked on many years ago or work on something new? Leslie suggests that a council rep and a pastoral team rep meet with her to work on this. Cal volunteers to be the council rep. Leslie will reach out to Ron Vogt (chair of pastoral committee) about it.
6. Safe Church - moving ahead on choosing a consultant. Nothing further to report.
7. POWER Interfaith - Peace and Justice committee and the Dismantling Racism Committee recommends we join as a congregation.

Recommended membership dues is 0.5% of our budget. **Jim moves that we recommend to the congregation that we join. Marian seconds. All approve. Motion carries.**

8. Covid Congregation response/CTF's role moving forward - **Marian motions that we make all CMCL activities mask-optional as of Sunday October 16, revisiting as needed for outbreaks/increased community spread. Marlene seconds. 5/6 are in favor. This represents the majority of council. Motion carries.** Marlene points out that the way this is communicated to the congregation is important. Margaret will write up the announcement and send out for general approval. Cal will reach out to the people on CTF after that.
9. Leadership Selection - Henry (2), Jay (1), Sherry are on. Henry would like to bring on a chair-elect. We can come up with some nominations. Leslie points out that people who like match-making are perfect for this position. Approvals: Updated Roster. **Margaret moves to accept this updated roster. Carol seconds. All approve. Motion carries.**
10. SRC Report - Reviewed Sick time and Jury duty policies. **Jim motions we accept these policies. Marlene seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.**
11. Next Meeting: 7:00 November 14 (zoom?)
12. Adjourn - **Marian motions we adjourn. Jim seconds. All in favor.** Adjourned at 8:41.