

CMCL Council meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
7:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Cal, Carol, Ken, Marian, John, Marlene, Mike, Margaret, Drew, Laurel, Leslie  
Guest: Larry

Opening: Ken Nissley with an Irish prayer

CMCL Church Council Agenda 7:00, January 9, 2023

(Zoom)

Opening: Ken

1. Approval of Minutes - correction with regard to Marian vs Marlene in the reparation discussion. Marian motions to accept minutes and John seconds. All in favor.
2. Financial Report - giving was strong in December, so we ended up ahead of 2021. Credit card points add up to ~\$1400. What should be done with it?  
YTD, ~\$38,000 ahead.  
Giving for the Akron Green Cemetery fund exceeded the need by \$1750. We need to keep this earmarked for that for now.
3. Staff Reports
4. Congregational meeting (March 5)
  - Financial Report
  - Giving Tutorial
  - Green Cemetery
  - Leadership Selection Committee update
  - Grant Street (Lin, Lynn, ...)
  - Joining Power Interfaith
  - Reparations - 64 responses to the survey (out of ~270 who opened the email). The respondents were generally supportive, with lots of good questions and comments. More discussion is needed around the specific financial questions (how much and how to fund) and the disbursement committee. How about a subcommittee to plan meetings to discuss reparations? DRC members and finance committee members can be involved in facilitating the discussions/answering questions. Leslie, Mike, and Cal will work on this.  
Carol points out that there are piece-meal efforts around dismantling racism. We have yet to really address the assessment presented a year or so ago by Drew Hart and Heather Cotignola-Pickens. Perhaps we could dedicate at least an hour of the next meeting in order to pull these pieces together and begin to make a plan. Carol will send out the assessment to council. We agree to meet at 6:30pm for the next meeting.
5. Goals Report: CMCL Five Year Goals - not quite ready. We'll do this at February's meeting.
6. SRC report - promising interview for office coordinator this week. Leslie is working on interim options.  
Looking into health care plans.
7. Next Meeting: **6:30pm February 13 in person**
8. Adjourn - Marian motions we adjourn. Laurel seconds. All in favor.