

CMCL Congregational Meeting

March 5, 2023

Convener: Gerald Ressler

Action Item: Leadership Selection Update: Henry Biedrzycki

1. Henry reviewed additions to 2022-2023 leadership roster as posted.

Proposal: Approve roster as amended

Action: Unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Larry Groff, Treasurer

1. Larry demonstrated how to navigate the CMCL website to find four financial reports that are updated every month. Current report shows us to be in a healthy financial situation.
2. Larry also reviewed different options for online giving that included contributions to general fund or directly to non-budget funds. Direct payment from a personal bank account is preferred over credit card giving. Fees are lower and contribution is directly recorded to the giver's personal church trac account.
3. Attenders are encouraged to update the online membership directory by including their picture. Suggestion was made to set up demo during coffee hour to help individuals with their update.

Action Item: Join Power: Marty Kelley

1. Power is a statewide interfaith organization with a Lancaster chapter working on issues of racial and economic justice. The mission involves non-violent action training and legislative initiatives. CMCL has been involved with Power but has not made a specific commitment to formally become a member.

Proposal: Join Power Interfaith for the 2022-2023 year at a cost of \$1,000 to be taken from the already approved Dismantling Racism budget.

Action: Unanimous vote.

Green Cemetery: Cal Esh

1. We have exceeded the asking of \$5,000 to become a part of the green cemetery initiative from Akron Mennonite Church. This gives CMCL attenders access to options that are available for green burial in the Akron cemetery.

Grant Street and Accessibility Project Update L:ynn Bergey, Dave Lutz, Linford Good

1. Lynn reported the completion of all structural reinforcement, 65% of interior framing, exterior dryvit application, brick repointing and installation of all but four windows. New electrical service should be available by end of week.
2. The current estimated cost of \$370,000 for Grant Street building and lift installation should cover actual expenses. Volunteer labor has been significant in keeping actual costs below estimate.
3. Dave reported that we are close to having city approval for lift plans and that proposal for bids will be out by the end of March. A rendering of proposed plans will be available for congregational approval.
4. At suggestion of artist, the mural will be installed on the west wall of the Grant Street building after temperatures are consistently in the 60 degree range.
5. Linford reported that 61 households (approximately half of CMCL giving units) have committed through planned giving 99% of the original campaign goal of \$280,000. Not all of this money has come in to date.
6. A revised higher goal may be forthcoming so an additional appeal for more commitments is likely.

Kudos to Hope Sholly and office personnel search committee: Mary Lou Weaver Houser

1. Mary Lou noted the great work that Hope is giving in the office and commended the search committee for their hard work in securing someone for this position.

Submitted by Rod Houser

Attach

Leadership Slate Update