

## CMCL Council Meeting – April 14, 2026, 7PM – Grant Street Building

**Present:** Hope Sholly, Mike Sharp, Deb Van Pelt, Laurel Martin, Beth Oberholtzer, Marlene Reiff, John King, Larry Groff

**Absent:** David Stallings, Craig Clearwater

### 1. Opening - John

### 2. Financial Items

#### a. March Financial Reports

- 58% through the fiscal year.
- Offerings: \$356k (68%), which is \$2.5k more than last year at this time.
- Total Income: \$367k (68%)
- Total Expenses: \$314k(56%)
- Current income-over expenses: \$53k

Beth motions to approve the March Financial Reports. Marlene seconds. All in favor.

**Action: March Financial Reports approved.**

#### b. Transfer of funds

The Sharing Funds nonbudget account to transfer \$500 to the Refugee Support nonbudget account (due to missing funds).

#### c. Upcoming 2026-27 Budget

Hope and Larry shared their suggestions for the council line items in the upcoming budget.

John motions to approve the suggestions. Laurel seconds. All in favor.

**Action: Suggested figures for the council budget line items approved.**

### 3. Pastoral Search Committee Update

- No current candidates for youth leader position.
- Larry is currently serving as interim Church Administrator. Meanwhile, SRC has met with two applicants for the permanent Church Administrator position.

### 4. Peace and Justice

- Peace & Justice drafted a document, "Agency Support Grant Policy," that outlines suggested procedural changes with how to go about selecting agencies the church will support.

*The Agency Support Grant Program seeks to connect the congregation's resources with the **most pressing needs in our local community** and to support organizations effectively addressing those needs. Through this approach, our congregation ensures its resources are directed where they can have the greatest impact.*

- Congregants can fill out a survey that lists most pressing issues in the community, and select which ones they find most urgent.

John motions to publish the new document on the CMCL website. Marlene seconds. All in favor.

**Action: Agency Support Grant Policy approved and will be uploaded to CMCL website.**

## 5. Staff Relations Committee

a. **Interim sexton:** term ends in May. SRC continues searching for applicants.

### b. April Staff Reports

Council reviewed April staff reports. John motions to approve the reports. Deb seconds. All in favor. **Action: April staff reports approved.**

## 6. Leadership Selection Committee

Last month, two new people joined the Leadership Selection Committee.

## 7. Council Openings

- The Committee Fair was a success. A few congregants expressed interest in joining as a council member for next term.
- Ideally, Council consists of 9 voting members. Currently, the next term has 7 voting members.
- Still looking for someone to chair Council.
- Message below will be sent in email announcements:

*We are seeking your recommendations for a council chair, term to start in September 2026. Email Mike Sharp or contact any of the council members if you have any ideas! Current Council members: Deb Van Pelt, Laurel Martin, Beth Oberholtzer, Marlene Reiff, John King, David Stallings, & Craig Clearwater.*

## 8. Adjourn

Marlene motions to adjourn the meeting. Beth seconds. All in favor.

**Action: Meeting adjourned.**

Notes: Hope Sholly

April council minutes unanimously approved via email April 23, 2026.