

CMCL Council Meeting – February 17, 2025 – 7:30 PM Grant Street Building

Present: Mike Sharp, Drew Brubaker, John King, Laurel Martin, Marlene Reiff, Susan Gascho-Cooke, Larry Groff, David Stallings, Beth Oberholtzer

Absent: Deb Van Pelt, Craig Clearwater

1. Opening (David): John Bailey Prayer for Day 17 (updated by Susanna Wright)

2. January Financial Report (Larry):

-strong giving so far

-income over expenses currently approx. \$86,000

Drew motions to approve the January Financial Report. David seconds. All in favor.

Action: January Financial Report approved.

3. Staff Relations Committee

-Staff Reports: Council reviewed staff reports.

Drew motions to approve the Staff Reports. Marlene seconds. All in favor.

Action: Staff reports approved.

4. Administrative Pastor Search Committee

1. Our ad appeared in Anabaptist World in the February issue, and is scheduled for the March issue; we'll decide later about additional months.
2. Ad has been forwarded to the Seminary at EMU where I have some contacts
3. Janet Lind met with Joanne Dietzel this past weekend/ Joanne indicated that there are only two people in this year's AMBS class that do not already have congregational assignments (she didn't even travel out to their weekend)
4. We have had no applications so far, or direct inquiries
5. Joanne says there is one potential applicant who is currently working on completing their MLI (Ministerial Leadership Information form) with MCUSA who may become a real applicant
6. There are some other searches wrapping up which may result in candidates being interested in other positions

5. Structure Review Committee

-Beth Oberholtzer will share the updated structure for Council to read over and report back with questions or comments at next month's Council meeting; after that will need to be approved by Congregational meeting

6. Snow Policy

-The Snow Policy was recently updated. Council reviewed the updates and is appreciative of efforts made by the Facilities Committee and Ron Zook to update the policy

7. 2025 Menno-Con Delegates

-Council was supportive of staff coming with a recommendation every other year to Council about criteria for delegates for that year (based on content that will be discussed and voted on); staff will come back with a proposal to formalize that, that also will include a proposed way to handle it if an open invitation is given to the congregation for interested delegates and more people express interest in being delegates than we have slots and funding

8. Congregational Meeting

-possibly Sunday, April 13 (Mike Sharp will propose that date to convener Linford Good)

9. Next Meeting: March 17, 2025 7:30PM – Deb provide opening
(move April Council meeting to Tuesday, April 8?)

10. Adjourn

John motions to adjourn the meeting. Drew seconds. All in favor.

Action: Meeting adjourned.

Notes: Susan Gascho-Cooke