

**CMCL Council Meeting**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mike Sharp, Hope Sholly, Leslie Homer-Cattell, Laurel Martin, Marlene Reiff, John King, Margaret Krumm, Drew Brubaker, Larry Groff

**ABSENT:** David Stallings, Beth Oberholtzer, Deb Van Pelt

**1. Opening – Leslie**

*Morning Prayer* by Pdraig O Tuama

**2. Approval of March Minutes**

Laurel motions to approve the March Council Minutes. Marlene seconds. All in favor.

**Action: March Council Minutes approved.**

**3. March Financial Report**

**a. Offerings & Expenses**

- Offerings are \$18,000 ahead of last year
- Rent income is higher due to Chestnut Housing/Grant Street apartment
- Income is ahead of expenses
- We are 58% into the year, but have only used 51% of expenses
- \$31,000 in the black

**b. CD with Everence**

- Larry is in the process of opening up a CD with Everence. There are a few extra steps which have prolonged the process-such as opening a membership account first. Once we open this account, we will get \$4,700 within the first year.

**c. Updated Budget Procedure:**

- The new budget procedure is the same for the most part, just consolidated and a few dates rearranged.

Drew motions to approve the updated budget procedure. John seconds. All in favor.

**Action: Updated budget procedure approved.**

**d. Grant St. Fundraising Goal:**

- Dave Lutz suggests keeping the donation goal where it is, since there are a few things that we still need to finance/address with the property:
  - Moisture issue in basement
  - Finish furnishing the space
  - Air Conditioner unit may not be sufficient

John motions to approve the March Financial Report. Margaret seconds. All in favor.

**Action: March Financial Report approved.**

**4. MCC Policies - Pauline Zimmerman & Maren Morgan**

- Current MCC personal code of conduct policy is not straightforward. It is hard to find online. However, there is a published document saying individuals cannot go into service and be openly gay.

- Pauline wrote a letter to Anne Hershberger (executive director of MCC) in January regarding the transparency of the policy.
- Others are also asking for transparency. There is a petition already in motion by MCC staff to amend this policy.
- Pauline would like CMCL to continue this conversation with the MCC USA Board asking for transparency about the policy. How much can CMCL support MCC if they have a policy of discrimination?

Possible ways to move forward:

- CMCL could contact other affirming churches who would support this initiative.
- Pauline and Maren to draft a statement on behalf of CMCL and then submit to council for approval.

#### 5. **Leadership Selection Committee**

- Council members will reach out to new potential members added to the list.

#### 6. **Staff Relations Committee**

- Council reviewed staff reports.

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

**Action: March Staff Reports approved.**

#### 7. **Budget Proposals (action items)**

- Council filled out initial 2024-25 budget worksheet lines.

**Fall Retreat:** \$5,000

**Scholarships:** \$2,500 (two students in US Menno Colleges, one in Canadian Menno college)

**Parrot Gallery:** \$250

**ACC:** \$16,500

**MCC USA:** \$15,700

**MCC:** \$3,600

**MDS:** \$600

John motions to accept the monetary amounts in the council budget lines. Marlene seconds. All in favor.

**Action: Figures in council budget lines approved.**

#### 8. **Executive Session**

#### 9. **Next Meeting**

- May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM - Beth provide opening

#### 10. **Adjourn**

**Future Agenda Items-** Structure Document

Notes: Hope Sholly