

CMCL Council Meeting
April 15th 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

MC 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 20th 7:00PM - Beth provide opening

10. **Adjourn**

Future Agenda Items- Structure Document

Notes: Hope Sholly