

CMCL Council Meeting – August 11, 2026 – Grant St. building, 7:00PM

Present: Hope Sholly, Nathan Grieser, Laurel Martin, Karen Davis, Marlene Reiff, Deb Van Pelt, Mike Sharp, John King, Craig Clearwater, David Stallings, Susan Gascho Cooke

Absent: Beth Oberholtzer

1. Opening

2. Finance Committee – July Financial Reports (Hope)

-At 92% of the fiscal year we have exceeded giving by about \$2,000 and are ahead of last year by \$36,000. (total offerings to date: \$523,328)

-Total Income: \$541,076

-Total expenses are \$530,689 (94%). Expenses are as expected.

-Current income-over expenses: \$10,387

-Expect to end the year with a small deficit

Marlene motions to approve the July Financial Reports. Laurel seconds. All in favor.

Action: July Financial Reports approved.

3. Pastoral Team – Membership & Re-Covenanting Process (Amelia)

-Pastoral Team oversees the membership process. For several years they've noticed a disconnect between CMCL documents & processes, as well as confusion about what it means to be a member (vs. attender) at CMCL.

-PT also wants to rethink how to practice annual re-covenanting.

-Our practices made sense when they were designed, but as things have changed some sense and meaning has been lost. We think it would be beneficial to clarify what it means to become a member at CMCL and to align our documents with our current practices.

-Council in favor of Pastoral Team discussing these topics amongst themselves and then bringing their recommendations to Council.

4. Staff Relations Committee –

a. August Staff Reports

Council reviewed August staff reports. Craig motions to approve the reports. Marlene seconds. All in favor. **Action: August staff reports approved.**

b. Sexton position

Jigme is ending his term as sexton in September.

c. Pastor Susan's Sabbatical:

Conversation about Susan's upcoming 3 month sabbatical is in process.

5. Upcoming Congregational Meetings:

a. August 23 meeting

-Meeting topics to include:

- 25-26 Leadership slate
- 2026-27 Budget
- Organizational Structure document

b. September 27 meeting

-Meeting topics to include:

- Staffing discussion
- Capital Campaign for facilities

-Linford to convene both August 23 and September 27 meetings.

6. Safe Church Committee

-For the past several months, the safe church committee has been working on a significant revision to part of the Child Safety Policy - specifically, Appendix 12, "Providing Community for Known Sexual Offenders." which would entirely replace previous Appendix 12

-Staff and Pastoral Team have reviewed the proposed Appendix 12 draft, asked questions, suggested revisions, and approved this version to be sent to Council for approval. (The draft letter would replace the version updated on 7/22/24)

John motions to approve the revised version of Appendix 12 as presented. Karen seconds.

Action: Council approves the revision of Appendix 12 in the Child Safety Policy.

7. Peace and Justice Committee

-Agency Support Grant of \$8,500 was awarded to Chestnut Housing.

-Announcement via email to be sent out informing the congregation about this decision

-Chad (from Chestnut Housing) is planning to speak to CMCL during Worship or Christian Ed. about the organization

8. Council Openings

-Two new additions to Council: Adam Miller & Sean Ramer

-Mike to extend a year as Council chair, pending approval

9. Adjourn

Marlene motions to adjourn meeting. Deb Seconds. All in favor. **Action: Meeting adjourned.**

Notes: Hope Sholly

August Council Minutes unanimously approved via email 8/22/26.