**CMCL Council Meeting – July 14, 2026 – 7 PM Grant Street Building**

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

**1. Opening** (Laurel)**:** song by Oasis Corral: *We are Not Alone*

**2. Finance Committee** (Hope)

a. **June Financial Reports:**
-83% through the fiscal year.
-Strong giving. Offerings at $478,118 (92%), which is $28,755 more than last year at this time.
-Total Income: $495,468 (92%)
-Total expenses are $451,146 (80%). Overall, expenses are in line with the budget.
-Current income-over expenses: $44,322. Keep in mind that there are still a few larger checks that will be written before the fiscal year is over.

Beth motions to approve the June Financial Reports. Marlene seconds. All in favor.
**Action: June Financial Reports approved.**

b. **2026-27 Proposed Budget review**
-Regarding the new budget, not much has changed since the draft was submitted. Planned giving remains strong, with 69 respondents out of 147 past contributors (nearly half), accounting for about 65% of the total planned giving. The Estimated YE has a small deficit noting of course that this is an estimate especially for giving.

John motions to approve 2026-27 budget as written. Beth seconds. All in favor. **Action: Council recommends budget is ready to be discussed at congregational meeting, in order to officially approve it.**

c. **Finance Committee over-budget (2025-26 budget year)**
-Facilities committee requests to go over-budget in their **Facilities: Equip & Repair** line by about $10,000 because of two major repairs falling in one year. (Roof repair & AC unit)

John motions to approve extra 10k in expenses to be spent by facilities. Karen seconds.
**Action: Council approves facilities committee to go 10k over-budget.**

d. **Capital Campaign**
-Finance Committee request to organize a capital campaign of $100,000 for various facilities projects (noise abatement in PG, parking lot lights, future roof, AC units replacement, and other upcoming issues)

Marlene motions finance committee begin plan for capital campaign for various facilities projects. Laurel Seconds. **Action: Council approves beginning of capital campaign of 100k.**

**3. Structure Document** - (Dave, Julie & Beth)
-Council read the updated structure document and reviewed & approved the new edits.
-Dave will create a summary sheet of the highlighted changes. This will be emailed out to the congregation so they have time to review it before the congregational meeting.

John motions to approve the new changes and pass the document on to the congregation to review. Deb seconds. All in favor. **Action: Structure document to be distributed to congregation via email and put up for approval at the congregational meeting.**

**4. Staff Relations Committee**

a. July Staff Reports

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

b. Meredith began working 20 hours a week, but currently has been working at 25 hours a week. Plan to continue for the foreseeable future.
c. Susan is due for a sabbatical (for one month) in the next year.

**5. Congregational Meetings**

-Two congregational meetings scheduled for the near future.

1. August 23 congregational meeting: will cover Leadership Selection Committee, 2026-27 budget, structure document, and other items.
2. September 27 congregational meeting led by Staff Relations Committee to discuss staffing needs. SRC to generate a handout showing what staffing we have budgeted for, and what levels we currently are at.

John proposes to schedule a Congregational Meeting for August 23, after worship, as well as a second congregational meeting on September 27. Deb seconds.
**Action: Congregational meetings scheduled for August 23 and September 27, 2026.**

**6. Safe Church Committee**

-Safe Church Committee proposes that the *Safe Church Covenant* be valid for three years rather than just one.

Beth moves to make Safe Church Covenant valid for three years. John Seconds. All in favor.
**Action: Safe Church Covenant now valid for three years instead of one year.**

**7. Facilities Committee**

The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy grant for EV charging stations was submitted by CMCL. A final decision to pursue this at this moment in time has not been made yet by facilities.

**8. Council Openings**

-We have one confirmed additional council member joining in September.
-Some suggestions for committee chairs were made. Mike is willing to chair a third year if no one else volunteers.

**9. Adjourn**

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

**Notes:** Hope Sholly
July Council Minutes unanimously approved via email 7/25/26.