

# CMCL Council Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2015

7 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Weber, John Thomas, Adam Miller, Lois Martin, Beth Oberholtzer, Lucy Ann Boll-Borrero, Lori Bergey, Susan Gascho-Cooke.

Absent: Chad Martin, Kevin Kautz, Julia Schrock Rosenfeld

1. Opening. Andrea opened with quotes from Albert Einstein and from *Yoga and the Quest for the True Self*.
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of March Minutes. **Minutes were approved with change made by Julia at last meeting.**
4. Budget – First review of line items designated as council’s responsibility. Budget process is beginning earlier than last year with opportunity for review.
  - a. Council is being asked to review budget line items marked as “C”. Each committee is being asked to review budget lines, based on two past years’ budgets, as well as actual expenditures in the past year and current year.
  - b. If committee requests large increase, a justification for such increase is requested.
  - c. Once all committees have budgeted, the congregation is presented with the budget and asked to respond with planned giving.
  - d. Based on planned giving responses, and based on past giving, the final budget is drawn up.
  - e. The budget is divided into 5 categories:
    - i. Christian Ed
    - ii. CMCL Community (worship; hospitality; environment)
    - iii. Facility
    - iv. Outreach (churchwide; community)
    - v. Personnel
  - f. Chad requested CMCL’s general budget match the \$1,500 YAEF support for MVS for one MVSer. There was discussion on age range of MVSer and aging out of YAEF. **A motion was made, seconded and approved that a budget line be added of \$1,500 as a general budget match to the YAEF support for one MVSer.**
  - g. **Additional professional staff line item:**
    - i. **Motion was made, seconded and approved that \$30,000 be put into this budget line.**
    - ii. **Rod will prepare a narrative to present the \$30,000 budget line to the congregation.**
  - h. **Support for Church Retreat:** It was decided to leave the amount as proposed.
    - i. **Outreach:** It was decided to leave the amounts as proposed.
    - j. **Parrot Gallery:** It was decided to leave the amount as proposed.

5. Rod presented a budget report. A reminder letter to persons who pledged towards the Grant Street project will be appropriate. **Rod will work on a reminder letter.**
6. Old Business
  - a. Structural subcommittee reports.
    - i. Lori presented an updated CMCL Community questionnaire with suggestions by Chad and Adam. The questionnaire will first be used by pastors and leadership selection committee. It could be presented to the congregation in electronic form. A part-time social media director volunteer could be solicited from the congregation, perhaps from the youth. **Lori will write a bulletin announcement soliciting a volunteer. We will revisit this at the May council meeting. Rachel will turn the questionnaire into a Survey Monkey questionnaire.**
    - ii. Beth gave a report on the latest work of the structure subcommittee. They're suggesting a congregational meeting in May or June to update the congregation on progress and plans.
    - iii. Goalsetting: There was an absence of response from the congregation on the inquiry into of goalsetting. The decision on priorities could be incorporated into the worship committee's planning for the upcoming year. The 12 areas presented as goals need to be pared down to 3 or 4 areas to give priority focus on, and could be presented at congregational meeting. **We will send out an e-mail to the sharing list asking the congregation to rank the list of goals by priority.**
  - b. Leadership selection update
    - i. Beth Crosby will continue another year.
    - ii. Eric Hoover confirmed.
    - iii. Laurel Martin confirmed.
    - iv. Kate Umble Smucker may agree to serve.
  - c. Council nominating update (3 slots to fill).
7. New Business
  - a. None.
8. Pastor's Report.
  - a. Andrea read Chad's in absentia e-mail report.
  - b. Susan gave her report.
9. Adjournment (next meeting is May 27, 2015)

Respectfully submitted,

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