

CMCL Council Meeting Agenda
May 27, 2015

Present: Susan Gascho-Cooke, Chad Martin, Lois Martin, Lucy Ann Boll-Borrero, Cheryl Weber, Rod Houser, Dave Lutz, Julia Schrock Rosenfeld, Adam Miller, Lori Bergey, Andrea Lommen

Absent: Kevin Kautz, John Thomas

Introduction – Chad introduced our summer intern, Andrew Pauls.

1. Opening: Julia read a poem by Ruth Ann Meyers Kulp, “Linda said, Write a Moving Poem”.
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of April Minutes—**Minutes approved as written.**
4. Finance Report—Dave Lutz and Rod Houser presented the financial report, including a summary page, and a memo to Council with new additions to the budget. There are very few budget lines that will not be spent this year.
 1. **Finance committee will bring the deficit total to Council, and Council will then communicate this to the congregation.**
 2. **Early July, a congregational meeting will give more details on the large budget increases (staff; facilities). Congregational meeting should be scheduled for a Sunday morning, after worship service, for maximum attendance.**
 3. **Rod will send out a revised summary to the congregation to help the congregation decide on giving by the end of June, 2015, including a 2-page summary (in numbers and one in words, or percentages of increase in giving). Rod will include an announcement of congregational meeting and details regarding staff increase budget.**
 4. Building Fund—we have a balance of \$2,000+ left in the Grant Street fund, with further expenses to come. Lighting for the parking lot is not included in the fund balance.
5. Old Business
 - A. Structural Subcommittee reports—
 - a. **Lori will send announcement to Rachel regarding social media person.**
 - b. **Andrea** presented regarding priorities responses received:
 - i. Increase relational bonds through small groups and other means (27 of 50).
 - ii. Enhance our youth program. (26 of 50)
 - iii. Enhance the experience outside of Sunday morning. (17 of 50)
 - iv. Build diversity and mine the resources of our Anabaptist tradition (14 of 50)
 - v. Enhance the Sunday morning experience. (11 of 50)
 - c. Amish worship and visitation model was discussed, as well as year-round one service only offering.
 - d. Goals i-iii were selected as the 3 priorities, and a statement combining them into workable goals for committees and staff will be presented to the congregation. **Andrea and Susan will draft the statement to be presented at July congregational meeting. Committees can be also be given these priorities to incorporate into their work.**

- e. **Julia and Greg will be finalizing a 2-page structural summary to present to council for presentation at congregational meeting.**
 - B. Council nomination update
 - C. Dates for congregational meetings—**July 12, and August 30, 2015, after worship service. (Rod will list the congregational meeting dates in financial summary/numbers/words).**
6. New Business
- A. Creating guidelines for budget changes in the future
 - B. Discussion and vote on use of budget monies for Convention
(Email from Susan sent to Council)—Since Chad will not be a delegate (he will be a youth sponsor, supported by senior youth fundraising) at Kansas City convention, Chad's delegate money could be used for two persons who are interested in going as delegates. We do not have persons volunteering to pay their own way. Council would need to indicate that convention money is for delegates, not just pastors in future budgets. **Council decided to transfer this year's pastoral convention budget to delegates. In future years, council will need to decide on the process of money transfer from pastor's convention budget to delegate volunteers, with pastors having first priority.**
 - i. **Rod will make a note of convention budget use for the 2016-17 budget year.**
 - ii. Our treasurer indicated that up to 10% of a line item can be shifted to another budget line without council decision.
 - C. Additional new business
7. Pastor Report—Susan gave the pastors' report, including shift of responsibilities between pastors. Chris Hoover Seidel will be spending additional hours this coming Summer as part of her MDiv LTS placement. There was some discussion regarding pastors' attendance at committee meetings, and future alternating and reduction of their attendance at committee meetings.
8. Adjournment at 9 p.m. (Next meeting **July 22, 2015**)