

CMCL Council Meeting Minutes Thursday March 10, 2016

Present: Cynthia Stayrook, Sue Stoesz, Beth Oberholtzer, Susan Gascho-Cooke, Adam Miller, Lamar Weaver, Lynn Bergey, Cheryl Weber, Sarah Shirk

Absent: John Thomas, Chad Martin

1. Opening—Beth Oberholtzer opened with a poem by Mary Oliver
2. Call to Order—Lamar Weaver
3. Welcome the two new Council members—Sarah Shirk and Cynthia Stayrook
4. Approval of February Minutes—Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the February minutes.
5. Finance Report and/or Comments—Giving presently is \$18,000 short of budget, but large expenses in budget include \$16,000 for insulation and \$34,000 for new staff person.
6. Congregational meeting and Staff Relation recommendation—Recommendation for a new staff person was approved at last council meeting. It will be important for council members to be at congregational meeting, since there likely will be questions regarding the proposal for a new staff person. Don Hess will be the convener. Gerald Ressler will present the proposal and then open it up for discussion and questions by the congregation. There was discussion regarding the timeline and history of the proposal for another staff person.
7. Other committee minutes—council has received minutes from other committees.
8. Child Safety committee is asking Council to re-approve the Child Safety Policy—this will be finalized by the Child Safety committee and submitted to council at a later date.
9. Time line for a report from the structure committee (Beth Oberholtzer)—Structure Committee has sent out a survey to committee chairs, asking for essential tasks and how much time committees have spent on their work. Structure committee will be meeting again in early April.
10. Any new business—None at the moment.
11. Pastor's report—Susan brought the pastor's report.
12. Adjournment (next meeting **April 7**)