

CMCL

Church Council Minutes—April 6, 2017

Present: Randy Newswanger, Larry Groff, Sue Stoesz, Amanda Stoltzfus, Cynthia Stayrook, Lamar Weaver, John Thomas, Beth Oberholtzer, Adam Miller, Susan Gascho-Cooke, Sarah Shirk, Katy Heinzl, Cheryl Weber

Absent: None.

1. Opening--Larry Groff—Larry read us a contemplation on waiting by theologian M. Shawn Copeland.
2. Approval of March, 2017 minutes—Lamar was absent. With this change, it was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes.
3. Budget report—Finance committee met last week. Rod sent out an e-mail with budget information.
4. 2017-2018 Council's budget items—
 - a. Outreach—ACC giving has been at \$15,500 for the past 3 years. There was discussion on this giving, and council decided to keep the amount the same.
 - b. Mennonite Church USA—giving has been \$14,300. Council decided to keep the amount the same.
 - c. LMS giving has been at \$1,000. There was discussion regarding giving per student attending LMS, with a ceiling of \$1,000. Council decided to keep the amount at \$1,000.
 - d. MCC giving has been \$3,600. Council decided to keep the amount the same.
 - e. MOOS—giving has been \$1,000. Council decided to increase giving for MOOS to be **\$1,000 plus half of their application fee for applying to be a 501(c)(3) organization.**
 - f. Shalom Project—Council decided to keep giving at \$1,000.
 - g. Lancaster Council of Churches—giving has been at \$2,000. Council decided to keep giving at the same amount.
 - h. Mennonite Voluntary Service—keep it at \$500 per MVS volunteer from our congregation.
 - i. Parrot Gallery—last year's contribution was \$500. Council decided to keep it the same.
 - j. Council moved, seconded and approved the above budget items.

5. Leadership Selection Committee update—
 - a. Four committee members have been selected, but no chair identified. Committee could decide amongst themselves who might chair the committee. There should be someone identified to be point person for relating to staff.
 - b. Katy Heinzl will call and thank committee members and ask members whether they would be willing to chair the committee.
6. Citizen’s Climate Lobby—A request was brought by Anne Sensenig that the church become an endorser for Citizen’s Climate Lobby. It was suggested that CCL approach PAX JC (the former Peace and Justice Committee).
7. Other Business—None.
8. Pastor’s Report Susan—
 - a. Conversation with ACC regarding same-sex wedding. The congregation made the decision; the decision was not made on the basis of who the couple is. Pastoral Team gave ACC a timeline of how our decision process went. The response of ACC is still outstanding.
 - b. Next week is Holy Week. We will be sending out sermons this week. Maundy Thursday is gathering in people’s homes. Good Friday evening service will be at CMCL; Easter sunrise service at The Stand, bagel breakfast and service at CMCL.
 - c. Susan has been preaching “away”—she will be preaching on the last of the Last 7 Words—all women preachers at St. James this week.
 - d. Susan has been feeling the absence of another full-time pastor and hopes to get more clarity on what her job expectations are. We need to look at the budget for possible additional monies for additional help.
 - e. It has been difficult not to have chairs for many of the committees this year and Susan has been filling in chairing several of the committees. There has been great difficulty
 - f. Randy will be with us as an intern for 2 more weeks.
9. Children & Youth Associate Pastor’s Report, Malinda—
10. Structure Committee Report—
11. Volunteer for next Council meeting opening—Sarah Shirk will do opening next time.
12. Adjournment (next meeting ?)—May 4, 2017.