

## Council Meeting: September 18, 2023 @ 7pm

Present: Mike Sharp, Marlene Reiff, Leslie Homer-Cattell, Margaret Krumm, David Stallings, Beth Oberholtzer, Hope Sholly, Laurel Martin, Deb Van Pelt, Drew Brubaker

### 1. Introduction

- Welcome to new members! (Beth, Deb and David)
  
- At Mike's invitation, members shared about this season of their lives right now.
  
- Role of Council
  - Governing body of CMCL that meets monthly as a group. Committees bring issues to Council, who also make recommendations of what should be brought to congregational meetings.
  
- Council Meeting Procedures
  - Meeting location/times: First two in-person, will decide later when to use Zoom.
  - Openings to meetings: rotate within the members of the group
  - Meeting length: no later than 8:30-9:00
  - Voting procedures
  - Motion procedures
  - Congregational Meetings
  - Etc.

### 2. Approval of Minutes (July and August minutes)

Marlene motions to approve the July minutes with the added addendum. Margaret seconds. All in favor.

**Action: July minutes approved with addendum.**

Drew motions to approve the August minutes. Laurel seconds. All in favor. **Action: August minutes approved.**

### 3. Financial (financial reports were not be available in time for Monday's meeting)

- Compromised CMCL checking account:  
Last Thursday, a check was stolen, and three checks were "washed" , totaling almost \$6000. The Bank will reimburse this, but there are a lot of extra tasks to get the new bank account in order. Hope and Larry are working on this.
  
- Huber Memorial: The Huber family made a donation to CMCL that more than covers the costs of the memorial meal. After discussion about where the balance of the donation should be allocated, Drew motions that the extra donation funds be put towards the accessibility project. Deb and Beth second. All in favor. **Action: Council directs the extra funds towards the accessibility project fund.**

#### 4. Facility Usage

- Proposed changes to “Facility Use Guidelines”  
Council finds changes to be a huge improvement.

Marlene moves to approve the new facility use guidelines as written. Drew seconds. All in favor.

**Motion: New facility use guideline changes are accepted.**

- Circle Legacy: Returning to do monthly meetings at our facility (have not been meeting since COVID). Should CMCL move towards our reparations goal by letting Circle Legacy group use the facility free of charge?

Margaret motions that pending DRC approval, Circle Legacy can use the facility free of charge. Laurel seconds. All in favor. **Action: Pending DRC approval, Circle Legacy will have free use of facility for meetings.**

- Chestnut Housing agreement for Grant St. property  
Chestnut Housing calls for CMCL to lease the building to them for \$3,000/year. CMCL is responsible for exterior maintenance, and Chestnut Housing is responsible for interior maintenance, as well as finding and managing a tenant.  
-Mike to contact Chad to see where we're at. Also we must get the numbers from Larry to see if it fits in budget .

#### 5. Staff Relations

- Children's Ministry Interim  
Marian Good joined the team. Working 5-20 hours a week. Can work here or remotely.
- Staff Reports  
Council reviewed staff reports.

#### 6. Worship

- One service starting at 9:30am with Christian Ed following at 11am  
Positive feedback: community aspect, energy, singing. Staff don't have to work twice in the same day.  
Question: How do we get teenagers to be more involved in the service?
- Facility committee looking at options to create additional seating  
Need higher seating in the back of the balcony.

Question: What happens if the congregation grows and we need to split back into two sessions again after spending money to redo balcony?

**Extra:**

- MC USA , Menno Snapshots blog, and Anabaptist World all pulled photo of the Grant St. Mural for their websites.
- Pastor Susan wrote and submitted an article about CMCL's reparation initiative to ACC.

**7. Next Meeting**

- Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> in-person

**8. Adjourn**

Marlene moves that we adjourn. Drew seconds. All in favor. **Action: Meeting adjourned.**

**Future Agenda Topics**

- Child Safety
- Church Retreat
- Key FOBS