

College Church University Avenue  
2023 Regular Board Meeting #3  
April 20, 2023 -- 6:30 PM

**Board members present:** Ron Dalton, Rachel Greenawalt, Shannon Hicks, Russ Lovett, Jeanette Martinson, Kyle Olney, Jim Rankin, Don Reddick, Amy Smith, and John Thomson.

**Board members absent:** Charles Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster, Aaron Meyer

**Staff members present:** Pastor Jen Johnson, Tim Mercer, Pastor Sherry Mitchell, Pastor Mark Quanstrom,

1. DEVOTIONAL: Pastor Mark
2. ADMINISTRATION
  - A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda. (John Thomson/Rachel Greenawalt). Motion passed.
  - B. Pastor Mark reviewed the minutes from the March 2023 board meeting. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve the March 2023 minutes. (Jim Rankin/Shannon Hicks)
  - C. Pastor Jen shared with the board the plans that our Parish Nurse, Dot Bendix is working to put in place concerning an active shooter drill. She has spoken to the Bourbonnais Police Department, and they would like to schedule a drill in which the police will take part. This is in response to the Nashville Christian School shooting. She also spoke to them about how much it would cost the church to hire an off-duty police officer to be on-site for Sunday morning worship services. It could cost as much as \$16,361.76 per year. The discussion was tabled for one month.
  - D. Pastor Mark shared with the board the plans for a summer schedule. The staff would like to go down to 1 service on Sunday mornings for 6 weeks beginning June 11 and ending on August 6. Pastor Sherry has a plan for the KIDSLAND schedule below.
  - E. Pastor Mark is requesting the following to be approved for membership: Amber Sue Adkins (S), Arlene Chenoweth (T), Camille Church (T), Dedee Hamil (S), Sharon James (S), Crystal and Scot Kraemer (T), Jennie Lyons (S), Jeff and Angie Stark (T), Jordan Warren (S). Membership Sunday is April 30, 2023. **ACTION:** Motion to approve these new members. (Tony Fightmaster/Ron Dalton). The motion passed unanimously.
3. FINANCE
  - A. Tim Mercer presented the Finance report of financial records through March 31, 2023. He reviewed the income and expenses as well as the budget and the comparative report for the month of March. It was a strong month. There was one correction made to the total unrestricted funds: \$372,696.73. **ACTION:** Motion was made to accept this report with the correction made. (Russ Lovett/Jeanette Martinson). The motion passed unanimously.
  - B. Tim reported to the board that an audit will begin on Monday, April 24. Debbie Heid, who conducted the previous audit, has agreed to provide this service again. The cost will be \$2500.
  - C. Tim announced that he is currently looking for a person to serve as the chairperson of the finance committee. It was established that it need not be a board member.
4. CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
  - A. Pastor Sherry reported on the Wednesday night programming, The Landing. There are more children attending from the last month. More boys than girls, which can be problematic at times. We are really in need of some adults to come alongside the ONU student leadership presently helping. An adult presence will bring an added layer of authority over the kids and provide a needed example. She will continue to stick with the ONU schedule, which means that the programming will break for the summer at the end of this month.
  - B. Children's summer schedule beginning on June 11: Pastor Sherry is proposing that there would be programming for Early childhood through kindergarten for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour starting at 10:30 AM with the children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to be in family worship. There will be full programming during the 9 AM or Sunday School hour. They will provide activity bags for the children going to family worship.

5. PASTORAL CARE

- A. Pastor Jen reported that the April prayer initiative is focused on Hospitality Volunteers. The prayer initiative for May will be Kidsland/youth volunteers.

6. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- A. Pastor Jen reported on the plans for the Library that will be where in the space known as the North Transept coat closet. Gene and Phyllis Hadley have torn out the coat racks, and repaired and painted the walls in there in preparation for book shelving to be installed. A request was made for funding to pay for the shelving, a table, and two chairs to go in there. The request is for \$1600 and will come out of the Forward Together Campaign funds. **ACTION:** Motion to approve this expenditure (Amy Smith/Rachel Greenawalt). The motion passed unanimously. The books have been donated.
- B. John Thomson reported an update on the A/C installation for the Salvage Yard worship room downstairs. The Electric will go in this coming week.

7. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Pastor Mark reported on his movements over the past month. He has been busy with pastoral care as well as with Northern. He took Debi out of town last week for her birthday for a couple of days.
- B. Pastor Mark led a discussion on the book that is being published and released concerning the Church of the Nazarene and its stance on the LGBTQ+ community. The book contains over 90 contributions in the form of essays or chapters.

8. CALENDAR

- A. Next board meeting will be on May 18 at 6:30 in Room 200.
- B. Please note the calendar of upcoming events on the reverse side of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Pastor Mark led a discussion to ask the board to increase Tim Mercer's salary. He is currently earning the equivalent of just over minimum wage. The board discussed this situation and agreed to increase it to \$20/hour. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve this increase to begin on May 1, 2023 (John Thomson/Ron Dalton). The motion passed unanimously.

9. BENEDICTION:

- A. Pastor Mark prayed a benediction.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson, Executive Administrator