

College Church University Avenue  
2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #9  
November 16, 2023 -- 6:30 PM

**Board members present:** Charles Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster, Shannon Hicks, Russ Lovett, Jeanette Martinson, Aaron Meyer, Kyle Olney, Don Reddick, Amy Smith, and John Thomson.

**Board members absent:** Ron Dalton, Rachel Greenawalt

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

1. PRAYER

Pastor Mark led in prayer around the circle. Board members participated in praying for something/ministry on their hearts.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting with the addition of point 4b: New Widowers Group. (John Thomson/Shannon Hicks)
- B. Charles Carrigan reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes. (Aaron Meyer/Don Reddick)
- C. Pastor Jen asked for the board to approve the following for District Minister's license: Jennifer Johnson (year #3 and Pre-Ordination) and Sherry Mitchell (first license). **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the applications for DML. (Tony Fightmaster/Kyle Olney)

3. FINANCE

- A. Tim Mercer reported on the church's finances through October 31, 2023. Tim reported that he has moved \$100,000 from Fidelity to a Premier Money Market account at People's Bank that will earn more than what it was earning under Fidelity. October was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in income for the year. However, we did spend more than what was received in October. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the Financial Report for October 2023. (Russ Lovett/Jeanette Martinson)
- B. Pastor Mark reported that the upcoming revival will be in February, with Sean Palmer as the guest speaker. We will continue to share the costs with Olivet.
- C. Pastor Jen reported to the board, as requested by Felix El-Daief, to inform them of the gift they will be giving to the church as stated in the will of Felix and Fouzia El-Daief.

4. PASTORAL CARE

- A. Pastor Jen shared that the prayer initiative for the month of November is to pray for our veterans. We have approx. 45 veterans who attend our church.
- B. Russ Lovett shared about being part of the new widower's group. He is helping John Muhm to lead this very important group.

5. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- A. Pastor Jen updated the board on the upcoming changes to the dedicated elevator line. There is one in each of the elevators, and they will need to go from being landlines to digital. This will be an added monthly expense to begin early next year. (2024)
- B. Pastor Jen updated the board that it will be time to re-key the facility in 2024. She is looking at digital options and will keep the board updated.
- C. Pastor Jen informed the board that the upcoming all-church decoration night is coming up this Sunday. All are invited to a soup supper before breaking up into groups to decorate the different areas of the church for the Christmas Season.

6. CALENDAR

- A. Pastor Jen shared with the board the pamphlet the Communications Director, Aubry Maxson, has created that lists all the activities going on in December. The final version will be sent out to the church in the last week of November before Advent.
- B. Pastor Jen reminded the board to RSVP for the Staff and Board Christmas Dinner that will be in the CLC on December 1 (Friday).

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 7. PERSONNEL

- A. Pastor Jen updated the board on Fran's decision to retire. She has worked for the church in her present position for 45 years. We will be honoring her at the Annual Meeting Potluck on January 28, 2024. Jackie Link has agreed to increase her hours at the front desk.
- B. Pastor Mark informed the board that Brad Brackett is pursuing a job as he discerns what the Lord has for him next. We anticipate his leaving his position as Media Director early next year.

### 8. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Pastor Mark informed the board of some of the new initiatives he has asked the staff to participate in.
  - a. Pizza with the Pastors: having lunch together with the different adult age groups, beginning with the Millennials.
  - b. Prayer around the altar at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join.
  - c. Staff are greeting at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary and/or the exterior doors.
- B. Pastor Mark led a discussion about the upcoming board elections. In an effort to include all age demographics, he is suggesting that we nominate and elect 3-4 from each age group and arrange the board ballot in this way. Age demographics would be approximately those that fall into these categories: 20-40, 40-60, and 60-80. Discussion followed. The board brought up some issues about proportions. In the end, the Board was willing to try a new way to run the election. The nominating committee would still be created the same way: voted by the congregation. Proportions could be approx. 2-3 from the 20-40 age category, 4-5 from the 40-60 age category, and 5-6 from the 60-80 category, or they could be even across the demographics. We will be having a nominations committee meeting in early January 2024 in preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 28.
- C. Pastor Mark reported on his schedule from the past month. He shared some sweet stories from his visits.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson  
Executive Administrator  
Pastoral Care Pastor

## Current & Upcoming Events

- NOV 18 YOUTH: Turkey Bowl
- NOV 19 Christmas DECORATION NIGHT/Soup Supper
- NOV 22 No Landing Programming/NO Wednesday night programming
- NOV 23 THANKSGIVING
- NOV 23 SAM Thanksgiving Dinner (at the church)
  
- DEC 1 Staff/Board Christmas Party, 6PM
- DEC 1 Advent Begins
- DEC 3 Christmas Musical (10:30AM and 6:30PM)
- DEC 6 SAM: Soup/Sandwiches/Scriptures, 5PM
- DEC 6 Missionary Guests Brian and Abigail Ginn at Reconnect Prayer Service, 6:30PM
- DEC 10 Christmas Classics Sing Along and Cookie Exchange, 6PM
- DEC 11 SAM: Puzzle Pals and Walk & Talk, 1PM
- DEC 12 THE HARBOR: Late Night Study Break
- DEC 13 TEENS: White Elephant Party
- DEC 16 Salvage Yard Christmas Event (CLC)
- DEC 20 The Longest Night Service, 4PM
- DEC 24 Family Worship Service, no Sunday School, 10:30AM
- DEC 24 Christmas by Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7PM
- DEC 25 Christmas Day (office/building closed)
- DEC 25-30 Offices "closed"
- DEC 27 No Wednesday Night programming
- DEC 31 Family Worship Service, no Sunday School, 10:30AM
- DEC 31 New Year's Eve Party, 7PM