

College Church University Avenue
2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #8
October 13, 2023 -- 6:30 PM

Board members present: Charles Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster, Rachel Greenawalt, Jeanette Martinson, Aaron Meyer, Kyle Olney, Don Reddick, and John Thomson.

Board members absent: Ron Dalton, Shannon Hicks, Russ Lovett, Amy Smith,

Staff members present: Pastor Joel Heald, Pastor Jen Johnson, Tim Mercer, Pastor Mark Quanstrom, Pastor Zach Tamez

1. PRAYER

Pastor Mark led a prayer and asked everyone to pray for what they were thankful.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of point 8c for tonight's meeting. (John Thomson/Rachel Greenawalt)
- B. Charles Carrigan reviewed the highlights and action items from the minutes of the September 2023 meeting. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes. (Aaron Meyer/Don Reddick)
- C. Pastor Jen is requesting the approval of the board to grant local Minister licenses to Sherry Mitchell and Jacki Tamez. **ACTION:** Motion to approve local licenses was made. (Kyle Olney/Jeanette Martinson)
- D. **ACTION:** Motion was made to accept the following as new members: Debbie and John DeMint (T), John and Sue McGarey (T), Pastor Jackie Link (T), Joy Hertzberg (S), Karen Rowe (S), Angela and Jeff Hersha (S), Michael Partyka (S), Hershel and Jeanette Wix (S), Doris Wade (S), Michael Wade (S), Christian Link (S). Motion passed. (Tony Fightmaster/Chuck Carrigan)

3. FINANCE

- A. Tim Mercer reported on the church's finances through September 30, 2023. His report includes the income statement, the monthly comparables sheet, the budget, and the expenses/income statement. One highlight from the report is that College Church has given almost \$200,000 towards missions this year. **ACTION:** A motion was made to accept the September finance reports. (John Thomson/Rachel Greenawalt) Motion passed.
- B. Pastor Mark reported to the board that the devotional book is being created, which includes over 30 contributors from College Church. LaVerne Jordan, Barbara Robbins, and Marsha Smith have been working very hard over the past 9 months to get this book together, and they are in the final stages before printing. Pastor Jesse and Christine are overseeing this project and requesting the board to give \$3,234 for the publishing fees. The plan is for the 200 books to be printed, and the proceeds would go first to pay this fee back and then the rest of the proceeds to fund future SAM/PrimeTime events. This is an outreach ministry effort to put these books in all of the area nursing and extended care facilities. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve this expenditure to come out of the unrestricted funds. (Aaron Meyer/Don Reddick)

4. DISCIPLESHIP

- A. Pastor Mark reported to the board that another new LCC group is starting on Wednesday nights.
- B. Pastor Mark shared with the board the large group of millennials that attend CCUA and he would like to start a ministry targeting them. A list of approx. 60 has been compiled. Staff has put a Pizza with the Pastors event on the calendar for November 5 after the Worship service.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES

- A. Pastor Joel shared with the board an update on what he has been working on with the Youth. The theme this year is No Matter What! What Does it mean to follow Jesus?

6. YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRIES

- A. Pastor Zach shared with the board his ministry updates with the College Age students. They have grown in number at the Harbor evening service. Small Groups called the Crews have begun to meet, and he and Jacki continue to make inroads to interact with the students who attend College Church.

7. PASTORAL CARE

- A. Pastor Jen shared that the Prayer Initiative focus for October has been the staff. Next month will be honoring Veterans.
- B. John Thomson shared with the board a letter he received from a parishioner. She is a single person who is in need of some financial support to replace the roof of her house. It is a large request, and the board decided that College Church could not give the money needed to replace the roof. Pastor Jen will continue to work with her to find other ways in which we can help and walk beside her at this time.

8. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- A. John Thomson led a discussion concerning the electrical bid submitted last month to update the CLC. After discussion, it was decided to table it until the beginning of the new year.
- B. Pastor Jen reported to the board that the ceiling in need of repair and paint has been completed as well as the ceiling where new lights have been installed. some projects in Kidsland have been completed.
- C. Pastor Jen gave a report to the board concerning the meetings she has had this past week concerning safety and security for the church. She met with a security company from Mokena about re-keying the building with either regular keys, electronic, or a combination of both. It will be time to re-key the building next year. They also talked about providing a panic button for the KIDSLAND welcome desk that would notify leadership upstairs and possibly the police officer present via a phone app. They will provide a quote for the cost of these things. She also met with a group of congregants to talk about creating a safety committee and, later, a safety team to improve safety and security during church events.

9. OLIVET

- A. Pastor Jen informed the board of the building use by Olivet during the upcoming Homecoming festivities. Kidsland will be used for the Future Tigers Kids programming, the CLC will be used for the golden grad's reunion, and Orpheus Choir will be our guests during the Worship Service on Sunday morning.

10. CALENDAR

- A. The next board meeting will be November 16, 2023. On December 1, we will be celebrating the year at the Staff/Board Christmas Dinner 6:30PM.

9. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Pastor Mark reported to the board what has been keeping him busy. Please refer to the document of the Pastor's schedule. Pastor Mark spent time leading a discussion recapping how wonderful the revival was this year. Please refer to the agenda for the attendance numbers.

10. BENEDICTION

ACTION: Motion was made to adjourn. (Jeanette Martinson/Rachel Greenawalt)

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson, Executive Administrator