

College Church University Avenue  
2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #7  
September 14, 2023 -- 6:30 PM

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

**Board members absent:** Don Reddick.

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

1. PRAYER

Pastor Mark led a discussion answering the question, "How has the Church been the Church?"

2. ADMINISTRATION

A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. (Amy Smith/Russ Lovett)

B. Charles Carrigan reviewed the highlights and action items from the minutes from the August 2023 meeting. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes. (Aaron Meyer/Ron Dalton)

3. FINANCE

A. Tim Mercer reported on the church's finances through August 31, 2023. He reported that we are ahead on income compared to last year. His report includes the income statement, the monthly comparables sheet, the budget, and the expenses/income statement. He also included an additional balance sheet from Quickbooks. Income is strong. However, we are currently spending more than what we are taking in. **ACTION:** A motion was made to accept the August finance reports. (Jeanette Martinson/Tony Fightmaster) Motion passed.

B. Charles shared an update on the discussion from last month concerning the sponsorship of a pastor and spouse to attend the retreat. This board voted to approve a sponsorship. Charles reported that College Church will support the pastor from Light House Community Church in Lansing, IL, Michael and Sharon McCary. He and his wife just stepped into the role of lead pastor a year ago. He is a bi-vocational pastor of this small church. The cost for the retreat is \$450 for the couple. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve this expenditure to come out of the unrestricted funds. (Ron Dalton/John Thomson)

4. DISCIPLESHIP

A. Pastor Mark informed the board that small groups are forming and will begin to meet the week of September 24, after Revival.

5. PASTORAL CARE

A. Pastor Jen shared that the Prayer Initiative focus for September is the Olivet faculty, staff and students.

B. Charles led a discussion without the staff present concerning Pastor Appreciation Month. The board decided to provide note cards to the congregation to write notes to the staff in appreciation for their leadership. Charles will also lead in prayer during the prayer time of the Worship Service on October 1 for the staff. Staff will gather around the altar and the congregation behind them.

C. Charles led a discussion asking a question expressed by a congregation member, "What does the leadership do when people leave the church?" Pastor Mark informed the board of the exit interviews that he asks each couple/family if they are leaving the church. He follows up with anyone who is leaving so that he may know what the reasons are.

6. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

A. Brad Brackett, Media Director, shared with the board the bid that he received from Keast Electric to update the CLC. It is the first step in getting an upgraded lighting system. The bid that Keast submitted is \$4,220. This is in addition to the total light package from Corner Music which totals \$29,885 and the bid for the sound treatment for both the CLC and for the KIDLSAND Worship

room which is \$39,830. His opinion is that the lights in the CLC should be the priority, sound treatment for KIDSLAND second, then sound treatment for CLC third. The discussion was tabled again until next month.

- B. John Thomson updated the board that the new light fixture installment project is nearly complete. Keast is working to install those.

#### 7. OLIVET

- A. Pastor Mark informed the board about the upcoming revival speakers. The Fall 2023 speaker is Dr. Dan Boone, and the Winter 2024 speaker will be Sean Palmer, a Pastor who currently serves as a teaching pastor at Ecclesia Houston, a multi-site non-denominational church. For more information about this church, you can go to [ecclesiahouston.org](http://ecclesiahouston.org).
- B. Pastor Mark shared with the board the many ways College Church partners with Olivet. Zach and Jacki is working to intentionally bringing in students to our ministry through the Harbor, small groups, and Sunday Morning Worship.

#### 8. 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.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### 10. BENEDICTION

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson, Executive Administrator