

College Church University Avenue
2022 Regular Board Meeting #7
September 15, 2022 -- 6:30 PM

Board members present: Charles Carrigan, Jeanette Martinson, Doug Nielsen, Kyle Olney, Jen Shride, Amy Smith, John Thomson

Board Members absent: Jorge Bonilla, Sheldon Jones, Mark Lamping, Aaron Meyer, Jim Rankin,

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

1. **DEVOTIONAL:** Pastor Mark shared the book of Puritan prayer.
2. **ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of “letter i.” under Pastor’s Report labeled “leadership requirements.” (John Thomson/Charles Carrigan). Motion passed.
 - B. **ACTION:** Pastor Mark reviewed the minutes from the August 2022 meeting. (Doug Nielsen/Kyle Olney) A motion was made to approve these minutes. Motion passed.
 - C. Pastor Mark led the discussion on choosing a new Board Secretary. The former Board Secretary, Mark Lamping, has stepped down because of moving out of town. The board discussed the nomination of Charles Carrigan. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve Charles Carrigan as the Secretary of the Board. (Jeanette Martinson/Kyle Olney). Motion passed.
 - D. Pastor Jen reported to the board that the local license interview committee met and interviewed two candidates for a new local minister’s license: Anthony Reynel-Hernandez and Sebastian DeVore. They interviewed one candidate for a renewal which was Brennan Weech. The interview committee recommends that all three candidates receive their local minister’s license for one year. **ACTION:** Jennifer Shride/Jeanette Martinson) Motion passed.
3. **FINANCE**
 - A. Tim Mercer reviewed the August Finance Report, including the year's budget report. These reports reflect College Church accounts through August 31, 2022. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the August report. (Amy Smith/John Thomson)
4. **PASTORS REPORT**
 - A. Pastor Mark reported on the Sunday School Teacher meeting held last week. With Chris Branstetter, the teacher of the Scripture and Society class, stepping down, a new teacher has been appointed. Ron Dalton will team teach with Don Reddick and focus on studying the Bible. The new name for the class will be “Here’s the Bible,” and they will begin with a study of Revelation. He also shared with the board the new communication push to get the Sunday School classes in front of our congregation to encourage them to try a Sunday School class.
 - B. Pastor Mark reported to the board that The Harbor, the young adult Sunday gathering on Sunday nights at 9:30PM, is going well. Pastors Zach and Jacki are doing a great job leading this group. The students are considering this service as their church, so Zach and Jacki have decided to introduce small groups and hold a Sunday school class led by Brennan Weech.
 - C. Pastor Mark also wanted to share about the services that are happening down at the Center of Hope. Worship at the Center is going well, with Jesse and Christine leading a growing group of folks learning more about the Bible and gaining relationships. Pastor Mark reported to the board about the First Responders Ride on September 10 that Pastor Dave Diveley and the Salvage Yard Biker Church led last week. They led a large group of bikers and stopped at every FD and PD in Kankakee County to honor the men and women who serve as first responders.
 - D. Pastor Mark shared more of what the staff discussed during the Fall Collect. One thing that came out of the discussion about the state of the church in this postmodern culture was to be the Church as we were meant to be and to do the things that would get us there, which is our mission statement from Acts 2:42 and Matthew 28: 19-20. Prayer is one of the four tenets from Acts. We

have moved to have the sanctuary open for prayer time from 7:30-5PM every weekday. We have also begun to have the Sacrament every week as part of our Worship, and we are encouraging more fellowship and community based on Bible study in Sunday School. These practices are more important than we know to form us into the disciples we were meant to be.

- E. Pastor Mark wanted to inform the board that he aims to be more intentional about participating in community events with other pastors. He attended an ecumenical pastor's luncheon this week. There is a Preacher's conference later this month at NTS in Kansas City he plans to attend and host a table there for CTI.

5. FORWARD TOGETHER REPORT

- A. Pastor Jen and John Thomson reported that most of the ongoing projects in the Forward Together project have wrapped up. However, the signage has continued to be delayed due to supply chain issues.

6. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- A. John Thomson reported on the ongoing building issues and improvement projects. A bid for the automatic door was attained and accepted. The work has been finished. The automatic door is the most eastern door in the south-facing doors under the new overhang.
- B. Other ongoing projects include:
 - Northside Media: Brad and Amy Smith have everything ready for installation, and they plan to get that done in early October.
 - Lights are still going in, and various painting projects are getting completed.
- C. A request has come in for a Listening Assistance Device for the many people who have hearing aids and still have trouble hearing service while in the sanctuary. Brad Brackett has submitted bids for two options. The first option uses WIFI and Bluetooth with the hearing aid devices of each person. All modern hearing aids have this functionality that allows the person to automatically use the WIFI network when they walk into the sanctuary. This is the system of the future but is here now. The cost of this system is **\$1,075**. The other system requires us to have headphones/earbuds for each person needing listening assistance. It would also require the person to check out and return the device each week and for the device to be cleaned. This system is limited to only ten users before paying for more channel boxes to be purchased. This system costs **\$375**. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve the purchase of the updated WIFI listening aid device using unreserved funds. (Kyle Olney/Amy Smith)
- D. After a short discussion, it has been decided to designate all of the parking spots along the northwest side of the church's main parking lot to be handicapped spots. Jen will contact Rob Lalamendre to get that completed.

7. KIDSLAND

- A. Pastor Mark shared about the Refresh Training for all volunteers for KIDSLAND in the upcoming months. It was held in the CLC after Sunday morning Worship services; lunch was provided. d

8. PASTORAL CARE

- A. Pastor Jen informed the board of the upcoming prayer initiatives that the Prayer and Care Team will lead and encourage the congregation to participate in. For September, a few will be praying for Hospitality team members, including the ushers, greeters, and hostesses. Please join us in praying for them.

9. NMI

- A. We have received a request from Kristen Lonberger and the Pregnancy Resource Center in Kankakee to partner with Olivet to support a new housing ministry. Olivet has given a small apartment building on Grand Avenue to PRC to be used for single moms in need of assistance in learning all about motherhood and domestic skills and providing jobs. Since we already partner

with them in their ministry, she has asked to share a little about the Morning Service to ask if the congregation would like to help. She will present on September 25.

- B. Doug Nielsen shared with the board the opportunity to help support a family working with another Nazarene congregation seeking asylum from persecution in Iran. They are approx. \$15,000 short in getting them moved from Iran to Canada. The board has tabled this until October.

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- A. The board meeting for October will be Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

11. BENEDICTION

Charles Carrigan, the new Board Secretary, prayed a benediction.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson, Executive Administrator