

Country Club Christian Church

Congregational Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

Attending – Jennifer Austenfeld, Leeann Blundell, Steve Bough, Brian Campbell, Karen Carlson-Cook, Lynn Cockle, Tepring Crocker, Bruce Erickson, Hannah Fenley, Esther Giffin, , Pat Martin, Kathy McDandel, Jen Parker, Deb Plucknett, Lauren Weinhold, Jim Wells, Travis Wymore

Not Attending – David Foresee, Jeff Gibbs, Scott Glasrud, Erin Parkinson, Amy Rose, Mike Schaefer, Courtney Sullivan

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, Dr. Mike Graves, Carla Rauth

Leeann Blundell, past Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00, standing in for Scott Glasrud, Board Chair.

Opening Prayer

Jennifer Austenfeld opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Blundell asked the Board whether there were any amendments or corrections to the items on the consent agenda. Noting no changes, a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the April 10, 2018 Minutes and the Dashboard Report from April, was approved unanimously.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Carla Aday presented the following:

Personal/Pastoral:

My favorite church member, Dave Ehman, is doing very well post-surgery and hopes to come home from the hospital tomorrow. Thank you for your prayers and kind expressions of support and love. We appreciate it more than you can know.

Our board chair Scott Glasrud and his wife, Sarah, are in Madison, Wisconsin celebrating the life and grieving the loss of Sarah's mother. The visitation was today and the funeral tomorrow. Please keep them in your prayers.

Update on the Centennial:

Last month, I reported that Lesley and Peter Holt had agreed to chair. Now I can report that:

Tom Van Dyke and Kay Barnes will be Honorary Chairpersons.

Dan Jenson will be Building Chair for Renovations.

Leeann Blundell will be Program/Events Chair.

I am still in the process of recruiting the Capital Campaign Chair and History Chair and also working on an initial planning meeting. I will share more on the team in coming months.

Updates on the Vision of Ministry -

Small Groups and Worship revitalization:

- 1) I am very excited about two ministries being revitalized in Congregational Care: Circles of Care is a new way to stay in touch with home bound members and Jet Express is a new way to bring people to church. I'm very grateful to Rev Joe Walker and his leaders in Congregational Care for this much needed ministry.
- 2) I am also very pleased with the leadership that Catherine Stark Corn has brought to the children and youth ministry staff and teams since beginning in January. Her pastoral connections have been key in bringing people back into small groups for youth, children, parents groups. She and her team have initiated a program for the whole church called Back Yard Bash. This will provide additional small group opportunities for youth, families, and adults of all ages.
- 3) Worship – Outdoor 9am service will launch this Memorial Day and go through mid-August. Mike Graves will report on the Worship Task Force and the plans they have been discussing about revitalizing our worship and broadening its appeal.

FY 2018-2019 Board Retreat

Pat Martin, Scott Glasrud and I are making plans for the next board retreat with Dan Hotchkiss, who will consult with the Board for another year. Input from the Board on dates indicated September 29 was the best date to schedule the retreat.

Rev. Aday then asked Dr. Mike Graves to provide an update on FY 2017-2018 vision of ministry goals:

1. Revitalizing Worship: A Worship Task Force has been working on a new format for the 9:00am service this fall (in addition to some changes at 10:00 and 11:00). This new service can best be described as capturing the magic of the summer outdoor service and bringing that indoors. A soft rollout will be August and a more formal rollout in mid-September.
2. Inviting People into Small Groups: Neighborhood Communion Groups were formed last year, with three meetings planned. Several of these groups continued beyond that time frame, and some of them continue even now. At a recent gathering of small group leaders, it became apparent we need more small groups, and especially ones to reach younger adults (25-45.) Plans are in process to recruit persons to host small groups (communion or other-wise) and help them extend personal invitations to others.
3. Worship and Small Groups: The Worship Task Force has begun exploring starting a Dinner Church gathering for the purpose of revitalizing worship via smaller, more intimate settings. Features include: Locate a space conducive to preparing and eating meals together, scheduling multiple nights, if needed, to keep gatherings small and intimate, and worshipping around the tables, with singing and short sermon followed by discussion.

Personnel Report

Jennifer Parker, Personnel Chair, reported that the Youth Minister Search Committee, chaired by Steve Bough, interviewed three top candidates on April 28. Ms. Parker reported that the committee enthusiastically recommends hiring the top candidate, Tyler Heston, based on very positive feedback from personnel committee members, search committee members and seven youth who participated in hosting and interviewing the candidates. After a motion and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to extend an offer to Tyler Heston, with an expected start date this summer.

Ms. Parker reported that a staff appreciation event is being planned for June. Cards were circulated for signatures for that purpose.

Stewardship Report

Lauren Weinhold, Stewardship committee member, reported that pledges are exceeding expectations, with 62% of those returned to date new or increased pledges. Total pledges \$12,000 over last year, a good trend for early reporting.

Nominating Report

Pat Martin, Nominating Chair, reported that the nominating committee met and presented the slate for approval. After a motion and second, the Board unanimously approved the slate, that will be presented to the Congregation for vote on June 3.

Open Question Discussion

Ms. Blundell presented 3 points that summarized input from the prior month's Open Question discussion and asked for input to further narrow into one theme:

#1 Increase the number of first time visitors, especially among those under 40

#2 Convey to the wider community that our congregation is actively involved in creating justice for all of God's children

#3 Transcend the perceived barriers to involvement in our congregation.

The consensus was to focus on point #2, with the following wording changes:

#2 (~~Convey to the wider community that our~~) The congregation is actively involved in creating justice for all of God's children

Ms. Blundell thanked the Board for their input and indicated that further discussion and refinement of this will continue at the Board retreat.

Board Self Review

Ms. Blundell encouraged Board members to divide into two groups to evaluate Board and Senior Minister contributions to 2017-18 goals.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Ms. Blundell called the meeting to a close at 8:30. Rev. Aday provided a closing prayer.