

Country Club Christian Church

Congregational Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018

Attending – Jennifer Austenfeld, Brian Campbell, Karen Carlson-Cook, Lynn Cockle, Tepring Crocker, Bruce Erickson, Hannah Fenley, Jeff Gibbs, Scott Glasrud, Anne Hoffman, Pat Martin, Mary McClure, Erin Parkinson, Deb Plucknett, Mike Schaefer, Lauren Weinhold, Jim Wells, Travis Wymore, and Jeff Zimmerman

Not Attending –David Forsee, Courtney Sullivan

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, Dr. Dina Evans, Rev. Tyler Heston, Carla Rauth

Opening Prayer

Pat Martin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 and Mike Schaefer opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Martin 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 August 7, 2018 Minutes and the Dashboard Report from September, was approved unanimously.

Stewardship Report

Dr. Dina Evans, Executive Director of Operations, provided a Stewardship Campaign 2018-2019 update stating that they had received \$1,192,854 in pledges to date, which is \$7,146 under goal. To date 292 pledges have been received. Thank you letters with statements as of September 30 have been sent to donors this week.

Personnel Committee Report

Mary McClure, Personnel Chair, presented a recommendation for Dr. Mike Graves' housing allowance. A motion to approve the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Aday presented the Vision of Ministry update, attached.

Rev. Tyler Heston, Minister of Youth, presented the youth update portion of the update.

Vision of Ministry

Ms. Martin reviewed the proposed Vision of Ministry that Dan Hotchkiss summarized from the September 29 Board Retreat. After discussion in two small groups, recommended changes to the proposal were discussed with the whole Board, resulting in:

2019-2020 Goals:

In the coming year, Country Club Christian Church will sharpen and advance our ability to:

1. Offer pathways for spiritual development to people at all stages of life and faith.
2. Strengthen our ministries in Northeast Kansas City through new partnerships, expanded service

and deeper congregational relationships.

3. Learn about our potential new members and determine ways we might present ourselves to them.

2018-19 Open Questions:

1. How will our church respond to the continuing presence of injustice in our community?
2. What is our special message? What distinctive good news can our church offer to our neighbors and prospective members?

Ms. Martin asked the Board whether there were any further corrections. Noting no changes, a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Goals and 2018-2019 Open Questions was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Martin reminded the board of the next meeting, 7pm November 13, with an Elder Deacon meeting at 6pm. Seeing no further business, Ms. Martin called the meeting to a close at 8:10. Rev. Aday provided a closing prayer.

Attachment: Senior Minister Report, Vision of Ministry Update, October 16, 2018 Board

Current Year Goals 2018-19:

1. Create new and enhanced entry ways leading to deep Christian engagement and growth.

- Connections 10:01 has had strong participation, about 60 participants.
- 9:01 Worship has had a positive impact on attendance, about 50-60 increase the first month. The spirit of room is lively and open. There is a 350% increase in number of children in worship.
- Children's Choir has had a huge increase – 460% due to the new format and scheduling. 23 children were singing in Sept for the first 9:01 children's choir in worship.
- Faithbistro has launched.
- Circles of Care continues rollout.
- Rideshare/Jet Express is underway.
- Service Partners will be rolled out in November to support caring circles and serving in worship.
- Neighborhood Communion Groups will be continuing as well as new groups added.
- Monday night classes have strong participation. (From Pew to Pulpit, Sequels in Scripture)
- Publicity: NPR ad's, postcards to 4500 households in surrounding area (Oak to State) banner Digital Campaign 194,571 impressions, 413 clicks to website; 45 visits

2. Learn about our potential new members and determine ways we might present ourselves to them.

- Barbara George is conducting 1-1's with prospective members.
- Discussions with staff about a strategy; research;

3. Advance our ministry with 6th to 12th grade students to support their spiritual formation and encourage them to form their own connection to church and faith.

- New Sunday night Youth Program for 3rd – 12th graders has been successful. The attendance has doubled from last year, with up to 20 youth participating.
- We are growing the youth ministry team to include some of the youth and have already begun doing some mission and vision work in that space.
- Planning is underway for Ecuador next summer (June 6-12); we plan to take up to 17 youth. We will have a regional middle school mission trip decided by the end of the year.
- We've had a dozen different adults commit to volunteer with the youth more than a single time.

- Sunday nights have been a success not just in number but in content: youth are connecting to the games, discussion, and the service night Corey led last night.

Staff Retreat next week at Tall Oaks – working VERY well together.

100th Anniversary Happenings . . .

- **Gifts Team (Mary McClure, Dave Forsee and Amy Guthrey)** has been interviewing consultants to assist us in raising funds for building projects, endowment and mission project.
- **Building Team (Dan Jensen and Dina Evans)** has been working with architect to develop a Master Plan to make the interior hospitable and ready for ministry. Architect, Christopher Mitchell, has held 19 meetings to hear needs and wishes.
- **Events (Leeann Blundell) and History (Linna Place) Committees** have begun meeting and planning.

Feedback from Congregational meeting:

- Very positive response to the dinner/evening format as well as changing the timing to Fall.
- The Annual Report was provided and copies of it are in the Board packet this month.
- The small group exercise during the meeting provided good perspective. Personal situations were shared and trends were noticed:
 - Long time members – family, no thought, invited, a given, a built in connection,
 - Newer members – shopping, seeking, openness, programs,

30th – Celebration of Partnership was wonderful and truly appreciated.