**Attending** – Eric Adler, Jennifer Austenfeld, Brian Campbell, Sara Christensen, Tepring Crocker, Karen Gallagher, Anne Hoffman, Phil Howes, Pat Martin, Lauren Weinhold, and Jeff Zimmerman

**Attending via Conference Phone:** Mary McClure, Jayson Parker

**Not Attending** – Bruce Erickson, Mike Schaefer

**Members**: David Forsee, Peter Holt, Lesley Holt,

**Staff:** Rev. Carla Aday, Rev. Corey Meyer, Carla Rauth, Chris Wendelbo

## Opening Prayer

Jeff Zimmerman, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00. Jennifer Austenfeld gave the opening meditation.

## Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Zimmerman asked the Board whether there were any amendments or corrections to the items on the consent agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda, including the August 6, 2019 Minutes and the Dashboard Reports for August and September 2019, was approved unanimously.

## Proposal from Centennial Steering Committee

Peter and Lesley Holt, Co-chairs of the Centennial Campaign, and David Forsee, Gifts Co-Chair presented two proposals on behalf of the Centennial Steering Committee that were each unanimously approved after discussion:

1. Approval to begin a Centennial Gifts campaign to seek funds in the range of up to $8 million and to spend funds to conduct the campaign. This campaign will support investing in our spiritual home at 61st and Ward Parkway and a mission component providing affordable low-income housing in Northeast Kansas City through 10% of dollars raised or a maximum of $500,000. The Centennial Gifts Campaign will also include a planned giving component to help meet long term needs of the church with a goal of 100 members of the Combs Legacy by May of 2022.
2. Request for an advance of $25,000 to pay the architect for additional work. This is not additional fees but an installment on his total fee.

Members of the Centennial Steering Committee are:

Chairs: Lesley and Peter Holt

Honorary Chairs: Kay Barnes and Tom Van Dyke

History: Linna Place

Events: Leeann Blundell

Gifts: Dave Forsee, Mary McClure, Amy Guthrey

Building Renovation: Dan Jensen

Ms. Holt asked the Board to share this information from the Centennial Steering Committee:

* The results from the feasibility study were very positive. People affirmed the direction of the church and there was strong agreement on the projects outlined.
* Welcoming and Gathering are critical needs to the future of the church to support our vision for the next 100 years.
* We are conducting a gifts campaign this spring to raise up to $8 million. The specific goal has not yet been set.
* We are looking at plans which fit our needs and serve as the foundation for future projects. The focus is on safety and infrastructure issues, updating social spaces and includes the first phase of the east entrance.

Mr. Zimmerman thanked them for their leadership with the Centennial Celebration and encouraged the Board to communicate with the congregation.

***Senior Minister Report***

Rev. Carla Aday provided the Senior Minister Report, attached.

## Stewardship Report

Chris Wendelbo, Executive Director of Operations, reported on the status of the Stewardship Campaign. Mr. Wendelbo reported $95,000 outstanding pledges compared to last year, and estimates that $80,000 will be received. Pledging units are at 264 units currently, compared to 295 last year. Current pledges total $1,114,828 compared to target of $125M.

***Review of Proposed Vision of Ministry and Open Questions from the Retreat***

Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the results from the Sept. 14 Board Retreat.

**Vision of Ministry 2020-2021**

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

1. Activate our congregation, by empowering members, to communicate our unique message through words and deeds to the community.
2. Be a catalyst for change in Kansas City by helping our members and community clarify, through service projects, partnerships and forums, how faith is calling us to address the root issues of injustice.

**Open Questions 2019-2020**

1. What kind of a hub can we become for our local neighbors?
2. How can we better leverage the talents of our congregation to serve each other and our community?

After discussion, Eric Adler offered to bring an edited version of the second goal to the next Board meeting for further review and approval by the Board. Mr. Zimmerman asked Rev. Aday to bring staff input to the Board as well.

***Appointment of Task Forces***

Mr. Zimmerman solicited Board members to participate in the newly formed task forces. As a result, the Invitational Task Force board members will be Sara Christensen, Eric Adler, and Karen Gallagher. The Dashboard Task Force will include Phil Howes (lead), Jayson Parker, Tepring Crocker, and Lauren Weinhold, with input from Mary McClure as needed.

## Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to a close at 8:25. Rev. Aday asked Board members to share joys and concerns and provided the closing prayer.

**Attachment**

**Carla Aday: Senior Minister Report**

**Dashboard Report Notes**

*Rev Aday commented on the attendance and financial figures of the July and August dashboards noting that though there have been some ups and downs, that overall we are tracking well.*

**Vision of Ministry**

* Offer pathways for spiritual development to people at all stages of life and faith.
  + Roots group for mid-20’s to mid-30’s – Corey leading. Have had first brunch and class.
  + Neighborhood Communion – launching 8 new groups, have 5 existing groups continuing, total of 156 involved.
  + Monday night classes – Mike Graves and additional speakers, current class on Revelation.
* Learn about our potential new members and determine ways we might present ourselves to them.
* Strengthen our ministries in Northeast KC through new partnerships, expanded service and deeper congregational relationships. (Corey Meyer presented an update)
  + Long term partnerships continue. New partnerships include: Sheffield Place, Urban Farm Guys.
  + Looking ahead to next quarter. Exploring new ways to be involved with KC Care Clinic, Restart, Grace United tutoring program, Della Lamb and Sheffield Place
  + Metrics: Last summer 142 people participated in at least one partnership and of these, 56 were regulars. Looking ahead, hope to have 250 participants and 150 regulars.
  + Other ideas to explore include: Jerusalem Farm, Neighborhoods of Hope (Centennial), Board tour/dinner in the northeast area, and ‘Get a Shot, Drive a Bot’ program.

***Staff Retreat*** – Lots of hard work; good synergy; really working with the Board’s Vision of Ministry work.

***Centennial Planning*** – history, interviews, book; architectural plans; preparation for Centennial Gifts; lead gifts.