

Country Club Christian Church
Congregational Board Minutes April 13, 2021

Attending via video conference - Eric Adler, Sara Christensen, Tepring Crocker, Erin Feitz, Karen Gallagher, Anne Hoffman, Phil Howes, Shelle Jensen, Mary McClure, Becky McElduff, Matt Moeder, Kay Moffat, Jayson Parker, and Tom Thornton.

Not Attending: Jeff Zimmerman

Others: Nancy Lear, The Rev. Dr. Vernon Howard, Rev. Teri Hord Owens, Pastor Rodney Williams

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, April Booth, Carla Rauth, Catherine Stark-Corn.

Welcome and Meditation

Tepring Crocker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Karen Gallagher gave a meditation on different points of view, based on an article by Dr. George Gordon.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Crocker asked the Board whether there were any amendments or corrections to the items on the consent agenda.

A motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Congregational Board Minutes and the Dashboard Report for April 2021 were approved unanimously.

Centennial Campaign Commitments

Ms. Crocker reported that the campaign has high energy and activity. Individual groups are being asked to make a commitment as a group, such as all elders. Ms. Crocker requested that as leaders of the congregation, the Board is encouraged to have 100% participation by the deadline of April 28. Rev. Aday will announce total commitments to date in worship on May 2.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Aday presented the Senior Minister Report, attached, reporting that attendance is down slightly, but overall trend continues above last year and giving is on track, spending is below budget.

Vision of Ministry

Ms. Crocker reported that the Board sub-committees met and are planning discussions for upcoming Board meetings.

Rev. Aday welcomed guest community and denominational leaders to gain input on the open question:

How will CCCC become a healing, constructive, and transformative voice in the urgent, ongoing conversation about racism in our nation?

- The Rev. Dr. Vernon Howard, President of the SCLC
- General Minister and President of the DOC, Terri Hord Owens
- Pastor Rodney Williams, Pastor at Swope Parkway Church, President of the NAACP

Ms. Crocker also welcomed staff members Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn and April Booth and directed the questions. A recording of their feedback is available on request.

The panelists encouraged the Board to continue their struggle with this issue and willingness to engage in the collaboration and conversation. Ms. Crocker thanked the guests for their valuable feedback.

Rev. Aday expressed appreciation to the panelists' honesty and the theological framework for the issues.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Ms. Crocker called the meeting to a close at 8:30pm and Rev. Aday provided the closing prayer.

Attachment: Senior Minister Report: April 2021 Carla Aday

Dashboard:

Attendance

- March slightly down but overall trend continues above last year

Finances

- Giving is on track; spending is below budget

Pastoral:

- Interviewing candidates for Executive Director of Operations
- Searching for facilities coordinator
- Writing new protocols for opening up to groups/events/office

Vision:

1) Activate our congregation by empowering our members to communicate our unique message through words and deeds to the community.

- Branding Project - report this week
- Centennial Events - rescheduling

2) Be a catalyst for Change in KC through service projects, partnerships and forums to help us clarify how to faithfully address the root issues of injustice.

- Tree Planting Project - Centennial
- Housing in NE - Capital investment check in
- NE Partners meeting

3) Take the ministry to where people are rather than expecting them to come to us.

- Tent is Up for outdoor events
- Outdoor Worship Begins May 16
- May 8 - Celebration Event on Lawn
- Youth and Children's outings