

Country Club Christian Church
Congregational Board Minutes
March 21, 2023

Attending: Jennifer Austenfeld, Kathy Buckley, Liz Copeland, Sara Engber, Dana Flora, J.J. Jones, Phil Klever, Becky McElduff, Matt Moeder, Kay Moffat

Not Attending: E.J. Becker, Erin Feitz, Shelle Jensen, Glenn Mills, Tom Thornton

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, Tulley Beard

Call to Order

Jennifer Austenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Welcome and Meditation

Dana Flora offered a meditation on the Holy Spirit as reflected in the book of Acts and how the Holy Spirit led the apostles and we can ask the Holy Spirit to lead us and the congregation as a “supernatural power,” based on a favorite devotional.

Consent Agenda

The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the consent agenda including the February 21st Congregational Board Minutes.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Carla Aday reviewed key findings from the monthly dashboard. Worship attendance in February was increased and above target, and giving is above target for the fiscal year.

The Next 5 Strategic Priorities

Rev. Aday provided updates on progress toward the Next 5 Strategic Priorities. Small Lenten groups have been successful and are being seen by Rev. Bryce Bowers as a prelude for reinvigoration of the small group program. Inclusivity of programming appeals to younger unaffiliated community members. Church Planning Center app and directory is being rolled out and staff has spent a lot of time setting it up. The features will revolutionize new member development and engagement. There is always a long ramp for using new technology to bring widespread change.

Rev. Aday said, “Bryce Bowers is rocking it,” and praised his initiative, openness to new projects, work on the construction planning as being a huge asset and providing energy and excitement for the staff. Carla is meeting with the Personnel Committee on her sabbatical plans and will update the Board next month. Spring Fling is Sunday rain or shine with groundbreaking for the Next 100 construction phase.

Goal 2 – Invite church unaffiliated and engage younger families and individuals.

Board members discussed their personal experiences and views on what causes people to disengage and re-engage with the church, what aspects of what the church has to offer would appeal to people who are unaffiliated or not actively seeking a church home.

Closing Prayer

Mrs. Austenfeld called the meeting to a close at 8:20 p.m. and Rev. Aday gave the closing prayer.