

Country Club Christian Church
Congregational Board Minutes
June 13, 2023

Attending: Jennifer Austenfeld, E.J. Becker, Kathy Buckley, Liz Copeland, Sara Engber, Dana Flora, Shelle Jensen, J.J. Jones, Phil Klever, Becky McElduff, Glenn Mills, Matt Moeder, Kay Moffat, Tom Thornton

Not Attending: Erin Feitz

Staff: Tulley Beard, Rev. Bryce Bowers

Call to Order

Jennifer Austenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Welcome and Meditation

Ms. Austenfeld offered a meditation on Isaiah 2:4, which provides in part, “they shall beat their swords into plowshares. . .” She shared an excerpt from Dr Rodney’s sermon during the fall joint worship applying the same text to diversity “laterally flanked side by side, shoulder to shoulder” in the beloved community intended by God.

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the dashboard and unanimously approved a motion to approve the consent agenda including the May 9th Congregational Board Minutes.

Congressional Vote Report

J.J. Jones said a quorum of the congregation voted on the first day of voting. The slate was approved by the congregation as nominated.

Executive Minister Report

Rev. Bryce Bowers reviewed some aspects of the dashboard. It is normal in May for attendance to drop off from April due to graduations and travel. First time visitors were consistently high through this period. Giving is trending better than expected with contributions \$21,000 over budget through May. The Easter Offering was about \$30,000. The church auction was well received. With more time remaining in the month, net income was not fully reconciled through the end of the fiscal year.

The Summer Pop-Up series of outdoor events is organized. Babies and Breakfast has been a big success. The spiritual education partnership with William Jewel is continuing and expanding in the next academic year.

The Next 100 building construction is going smoothly with no major surprises. The project has had a big impact on staff due to managing the preparations for the building to be closed.

Rev. Bowers expects to manage normal summer attendance levels until the sanctuary should reopen in September.

Partnership Task Force Update

Ms. Austenfeld said a task force has been established with Swope Parkway United Christian Church to flesh out a collaborative partnership. The task force has six members from each congregation and the senior ministers. There are subcommittees for worship, education and relationship building. In addition to individuals visiting across regular worship services, Faithbook has invited Swope congregants. Ms. Austenfeld and Liz Copeland have joined Swope's bible study on Zoom.

Strategic Goals: Reflections and Looking Forward

Ms. Austenfeld led the Board in sharing observations of the accomplishments and challenges of the Board year in the midst of shepherding a major construction project. Kay Moffat remarked the congregation is doing a great job keeping up with the changing times.

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Ms. Austenfeld recognized and thanked the outgoing Board members for their service: Matt Moeder, Kay Moffat, Tom Thornton and Shelle Jensen. She also applauded Tulley Beard for quickly moving into the lead support role for the Board amid her other responsibilities.

Closing Prayer

Mrs. Austenfeld called the meeting to a close at 8:28 p.m. Rev. Bowers gave the closing prayer.