

Country Club Christian Church
Congregational Board Minutes
April 14, 2026

Attending: Jean Ayers, Lori Bennett, Chris Christensen, Justin Cottrell, Marilyn Dreas, James Guthrey, Greg Humphreys, Phil Klever, Mary McClure, Glenn Mills, Jen Parker, Emilee VanDyke, Travis Wymore

Not Present: Micah Blair, Becky McElduff

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, Rev. Ashley Cheung

Phil Klever called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Jean Ayres shared an opening meditation from a book called Everything Is a Story.

Nominating Committee Report

Mary McClure provided an update that the committee met twice to fill 46 openings from 147 nominations. Final calls are being made before the committee confirms the slate for the Jun 7th congregational vote.

Approval of Board Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion to accept the March 10th Congregational Board meeting minutes. Rev. Carla Aday reviewed the February and March dashboards, noting that attendance and contributions are stable and right on target, with return visitors trending high.

Generosity

Rev. Ashley Cheung updated the Board that the generosity campaign for 2026-27 begins the coming Sunday with the theme “From a Generous Hand.” She provided a preview. The new fiscal year starts in July, and the generosity campaign helps to equip our church for worship and community. Each board member is expected to serve and pledge during the campaign. Lori Bennett remembered that the campaign theme was more impactful last year because it was woven into everything during this period.

Building Committee Report

Justin Cottrell reported that the Committee created a list amounting to \$324,000 in projects to make use of \$450,000 of a recent bequest the Board divided among several ministry priorities. There are several updates coming in the chapel and sanctuary, including all floor coverings in the sanctuary, narthex and balcony. The Committee is working through updated bids and approaches to improve humidity in the sanctuary, which may follow a phase-in approach to make sure the most economical solution is put in place to sustain the desired level of humidity. By the end of June, the parlor women’s restroom and both Social Hall restrooms will be renovated with updated plumbing. The west steps of the church were replaced with annual auction funds. All

current work should leave a balance from \$450,000 of \$118,000. The plan is to complete all current projects and revisit the master plan to determine next priorities.

Delegates for Vote on Regional Minister

Mr. Klever explained our region of the Disciples of Christ is electing a new regional minister, and the congregation has two delegates. The board unanimously approved Lori Bennett and Hannah Fenley to represent the congregation.

Storytelling Initiative – Fund Development

Rev. Aday refreshed the Board that a proposal developed for a Lily Foundation grant is being scaled back to \$100,000 to be accomplished over 6-12 months. She requested, and the Board approved, fundraising to bring in an additional \$25-50,000 beyond the \$50,000 already allocated from the recent bequest.

Mr. Klever noted the project could take two directions – promoting the church to the public and enriching spiritual development in the congregation by helping people tell their stories. Glenn Mills recommended focusing on collecting stories from among the congregation, which could lead to a stronger grant application for another phase of the Lily grant or another grant. Jean Ayers recognized it takes people time to tell their stories, and belonging begins when you hear another person's story one-on-one. Mr. Klever said it could also be important to tell the church's story. Rev. Aday said a committee will rewrite the intention of the project and narrow down the details for a plan to roll out next fall.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Aday provided an update that Easter worship attendance was up more than 100 over 2025. It is challenging to get people to sign in electronically; a lot of names are missed. There is activity under each strategic priority. The Pastor's Class had a record number of students baptized on Palm Sunday, and several small groups are up and growing. It was a learning experience to provide station during the Rock the Parkway race, and there is a committee working on Pride month actions.

Rev. Carla Aday closed the meeting with prayer at 8:04 p.m.