



# Board Meeting Minutes First Christian Church January 21, 2023, 10:00 am

## 1) OPENING ITEMS

- a) Call to Order / Establish Quorum (10:00 am Ric Brightman, Esther Devall, Eric Hays-Strom, Scott Hays-Strom, Karen Holmes, Kamy McKenzie-Shaw, Bruce Weber, Paul Whitacre)

Excused:

Absent: Sue Stefford-Grey,

Present: Sherry Wood, Rev. Patrick Crocker

- b) Devotional Minute given by Scott – Thanks to everyone for all the work we've done.

- c) Approval of Agenda:

- d) Approval of Minutes:

- i) Board Meeting December 18, 2022

- e) Log email vote –

- i) None

## 2) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Property Matters – Paul W

- i) Other Electrical Installation –

- (1) Work on backyard farm –

- (a) Backdoor lock needs to be replaced. Bruce will contact a locksmith.

- (b) Installed and rewired some outlets, which was paid by Backyard Farms.

- (c) Still need to rewire 3 light fixtures.

- (d) As part of the work Paul found a problem with a circuit breaker, which he replaced.

- (e) Paul Cook will meet with Rachael of Backyard Farms to finish putting legs on the hydroponic tanks and hooking up lights.

- (2) Need to replace some outside lights.

- (3) Need to clean sanctuary fans.

- ii) Convert Bridal Room to Meditation Space – No Change - Eric/Scott

- b) Technology Committee – Eric

- i) Bruce is trying to get control of the domain registration from Camille but hasn't gotten a response from the email he sent. Per Eric, Camille stated they should text her if they needed anything. Eric and Bruce will find attempt to contact her via text.

- ii) Eric – The Internet is running fine.

- iii) John S. is ready to revamp the website after Bruce and Eric have it figured out. They decided to keep the website but need to modernize it and give committee heads authorization to update their information.
    - c) Faith Action Committee – Paul W
    - d) Worship Committee – Eric - No Report
      - i) Attendance Report – Eric – Holding steady.
        - (1) We are getting about 40 viewers on Facebook but don't know who or the amount of time spent on the screen. Eric said we should think about marketing ourselves so other people know about us.
        - (2) Eric will get the attendance numbers, so it is available for the Pastor Search profile and reports sent to our affiliated denominations.
    - e) Property Liaison – Karen
 

Southwest Academy of Music ended their lease December 31<sup>st</sup> and St. John's CCOA is now leasing the room. The items that were left in the room are now sitting in the chapel. Karen will put away some of the items and will ask Jerry to put the space heater away in the closet.
    - f) Pastoral Support Committee – Esther – No report
 

Esther asked Patrick if he wants to meet. Patrick responded yes. They will set up a time to meet.
    - g) Pastor's Report – No Report
 

Patrick said he received a comment from an online parishioner. During communion a static slide is displayed on the screen. This makes the person feel cut off from the rest of the persons receiving communion at FCC. Is it possible to watch the persons receiving communion instead of a static slide? We agreed to the viewing of persons receiving communion. A reminder will be added to the communion invitation that persons will be seen when they come up for communion. If they prefer to not be photographed, a deacon will bring the Eucharist to them at their seat.

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    - h) Treasurer's Report – Bruce
      - i) Review Proposed Budget for 2023 – Reviewed the budget – Esther moved to accept the proposed budget as presented, Ric seconded. Approved
      - i) Financial Secretary's Report – Eric
 

Our average giving was higher than the expected average pledge.

        - i) Pledging Status: 21 church members pledged compared to 23 last year.
        - ii) Stewardship – Esther – No report.
- 3) STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW
 

See Strategic Plan, Appendix C – Place holder for the monthly review.

#### 4) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Status of Jon Kessler boxes – Eric/Scott: No change
- b) Street-side signage – Bruce – no update. Bruce has official city requirements.
  - i) The limitations on a ground sign are:
    - (1) Cannot be > 6 feet high or wide.
    - (2) Only 12 feet is permitted for a message.
    - (3) Discussed modifying the current signage but adding St. John's and any other business will make the lettering too small.
  - ii) The only possibility is a wall mural, but the feasible wall is not in a high visibility area.
  - iii) Decided to do nothing and use banners attached to the walls.
- c) Congregational Meeting – BOD
  - i) Congregational Meeting Reports
    - (1) Pastor Search –  
Ester moved that we have an extended supply pastor while the search committee works on getting a settled pastor as quickly as possible omitting the step of seeking an interim pastor, Kamy seconded. Approved with 1 abstention.
    - (2) Event Committee
  - ii) Budget
  - iii) Elections
  - iv) Strategic Plan

#### 5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Southwest Academy of Music had a drum set in their room. Per Rachel and Leslie, the drum set belongs to FCC. The drum set is in poor shape. Karen will offer the drum set to anyone in the congregation during announcements. She will also mention the drum set to New World Drummers in case they know of a use for it. If no one wants it by February, Karen will ask her neighbor (a middle school band teacher) if there is someone in need or else give it to Goodwill.
- b) Melody requested we no longer use the screen during worship so we can see the stained glass. We have hymnals and the online persons don't need the physical screen. A compromise was given to move the screen to the right side. The screen is old so will need to verify whether it is still good. Perhaps we can get a motorized screen that drops down from the ceiling. This option will be brought to the worship committee for consideration.

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Open Floor

Discussion to extend Patrick's contract/covenant to include pastoral care for 6 months February 1<sup>st</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Esther Moved to make the contract more similar to Pastor Richard's initial contract and to include up to 20 hours/week at \$2600/ month, Eric second.

Approved.

b) Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2023, 10 a.m.

c) Once a month during announcements a church position, committee, group that uses the church, etc. should give a description of the group. This will help build interest in others by learning about these groups.

7) Adjournment: Eric moved, and Karen seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Submitted by Karen Holmes,  
Secretary