

2013-09-10 MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
OF COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Present:

Jared Rose, Chair	Katie Cronin	Betsy Wilson
Barbara George, Past Chair	Susan Garner	Jeff Zimmerman
Mary McClure, Chair Elect	Dean Grogger	Scott Glasrud
Gloria Findley-Grogger, Elder Chair	Lance Jessee	Katherine Holtze
Jere Hanney, Past Chair	Elvin Knight	Sandy Bible-Finney
Carty Johannsen, Elder Chair Elect	Tim Webster	Carol Nichols
John Trewolla, Secretary	Jason Parker	Jason Roske
Lesley Holt, Personnel		
Phil Howes, Treasurer	John Clemmer	Glen Miles

Absent:

Sandy Bible-Finney	Greg Lear	Sandy Bible-Finney
Carol Nichols	Scott Glasrud	Betsy Wilson

Chair Jared Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Mary McClure offered the opening devotional from *3 Essential Prayers*.

The minutes of the July 13, 2013 special meeting of the Congregational Board were approved. The minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial Report: Phil Howes announced that he is analyzing the financial report to look at some trends. He will provide a full report next month. He also announced that the finance committee approved the recommendation to engage a new audit firm. Negotiations are underway and an announcement will be made next month.

Children’s Ministry Positions Update: Lesley Holt announced that the new Minister to Children, Youth and Families will be Monica Lewis. She will begin work on October 1 and be welcomed with a parlor event on October 6th.

Northeast Initiative Update: Mary McClure announced that a marketing campaign for the Northeast Partnership effort is being launched this month. It will raise the awareness of our ongoing support with the Micah ministry, our work with the Sheffield Place and our work preparing backsnacks with Garfield School. In addition, the Northeast Partnership has added support for NewHouse, a domestic violence shelter and the Della Lamb social services center. We are looking for volunteers to help provide English as a Second Language (“ESL”) tutoring two times a month for a commitment of three months. Finally, the Northeast Partnership is cooperating with the NE Chamber of Commerce to publicize restaurants

and shops in the NE area that might attract customers from our area. A list of these businesses will be distributed as part of the marketing campaign.

Barb George reminded each board member to participate in at least one *Grace at Work* activity. Several of these will be coordinated with the Northeast Partnership outreach effort.

Capital Improvements Project Update: John Clemmer reported on the status of our capital improvement projects.

1. The repair work on the pipe organ is moving ahead smoothly, even a bit ahead of schedule.
2. The stained glass windows will be covered this week for cleanup and work on them will be finished next week.
3. The finials and statues are going up this week.
4. Work is moving ahead on schedule and we expect to meet our November 15th completion date.

John also expressed appreciation to Dan Jensen who has been supervising much of this work for the church. Dan's experience and judgment has resulted in significant cost savings to the church. Thank you, Dan!

Housing Update: Jared Rose reported that the house at 1015 was sold for the appraised price of \$365,000 just a couple of days after being placed on the market. The closing process is going faster than expected. The listing of the other house is still in process.

Jared thanked Dean Grogger, John Clemmer and Bill and Brucie Hopkins for their help in facilitating these transactions. Glen Miles will send thank-you letters.

Senior Minister's Report: Glen Miles reported:

- A. General comments:
 1. His Finding Jesus in Church sermon was well-received, especially among younger members.
 2. At the end of September, Glen will lead a lunchtime discussion for the CAYAS and YAHWHOSE classes.
- B. Upcoming events:
 1. We will re-dedicate our church on Sunday, January 12th with a big celebration. He is coordinating plans with Greg Lear. Sharon Watkins will be here. Bob Cueni and Gene Brice are also be invited. Others to be invited include Kay Barnes and Sly James.
 2. Jared Rose will contact Dan Hotchkiss (the church planning consultant) about to ask, "What is the process for a name change?"
 3. The Long-Range Financial Plan calls for the creation of an ongoing year-round stewardship education plan. This plan is now being started. The theme is "Stewardship as a Spiritual Discipline."
 4. Glen has set appointments to meet with the ministers of Westwood Christian and Cherokee Christian churches to discuss their plans for the futures of their congregations.
 5. Glen discussed *Words from Glen* -- the weekly email that goes out every Friday. He has received lots of positive feedback. The newsletter enjoys an "open rate" of 32%. For

comparison, the national average is about 9%, so we are doing well above average, even for a church. There are about 1,800 names on the email blast list. His FaceBook page is also popular.

C. Staff Activities:

1. The Lead team is working together to review current administrative and staff assignments to look at total hours, total needs and utilization rates. They are also reviewing custodial service needs.
2. An all-staff retreat will be held on October 28th at Tall Oaks.
3. A program staff retreat will be held in late November or early next year.

- D. Glen reported on his duties as Moderator of the denomination. On September 25th, he will attend a 3-day retreat in Florida, his first duty in the position. His work in this position is expected to freshen and broaden his perspective and understanding both of our church and of the denomination as a whole.

Board Action: Concerning the Endowment Fund's use of proceeds from the sale of the house at 1015 West 61st Street, Phil Howes moved to approve the RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE HOUSE AT 1015 WEST 16th STREET. This motion was discussed and it was mentioned that approval of this resolution was recommended by the finance committee. The motion was seconded and approved by the Congregational Board. An executed copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes.

Jared announced that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on October 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

John Trewolla,
Secretary