

Country Club Christian Church

**Congregational Board Meeting**

**Minutes 1/15/2013**

Barbara George called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lesley Holt led the opening meditation with this reading from Disciple Bible Study:

“Following the Jesus way has taken many forms. Some followers have imitated his original disciples and so have abandoned ordinary life to devote themselves as fully as possible either to worship and work in a monastery or to what some Christians used to call ‘full-time Christian service.’ Others, in keeping with Martin Luther and other reformers, have sought to follow Jesus by staying put—that is, by learning how to be his followers where they are—in the home or on the job. For these people, following Jesus does not so much require doing the extraordinary as it does reshaping ordinary life steadily until it somehow becomes extraordinary in its quality and direction.”

Lesley then asked the members of the Board to consider these questions: “How are you reshaping your ordinary life? How will you reshape it in this New Year? In what way has Jesus made your life extraordinary?”

**Senior Minister’s Report:** Dr. Glen Miles shared the following updates with the Board. First, he will attend the Large Church Senior Ministers Conference sponsored by the Christian Church Foundation in Burbank, Calif., from January 22-24. Next, the current sermons series, called “The Bible Doesn’t Say That,” is being received very well; the congregation can expect a sermon series in Lent called “The Bountiful Life: Discovering the Joy of Fruitful Living.” The search committee for the new Church Business Administrator is underway and going well. Lastly, Dr. Miles thanked the Board upon his tenth anniversary of serving at Country Club Christian Church.

**Financial Report:** The central action item brought by the Finance Committee concerned the bids from various banks on the line of credit that the church is seeking. Scott Glasrud, Treasurer, reviewed the Bank Line of Credit Bid Comparison (Exhibit A, attached). The Finance Committee recommended that the Congregational Board adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that the treasurer is authorized to negotiate with each of Missouri Bank and Metcalf Bank final terms of a loan in a principal amount not to exceed \$2.5 million on terms as good or better than those set forth on Exhibit A, final documentation and terms to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Upon hearing a motion to accept this resolution, the Board voted unanimously to approve it. The Treasurer also reviewed the monthly financial report for Country Club Christian Church (attached).

**Presentation on Disciples Mission Fund:** Rev. Dr. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), presented information to the Board regarding the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF). He showed the Board what our congregation's financial gift to the DMF accomplishes for people and communities around the world. Domestic, international, and local ministries all receive support from the Disciples Mission Fund.

After this presentation, the Board took up a motion from a few months ago, which sought to modify CCCC's planned gift to the Disciples Mission Fund to be 3% of the church's annual offerings. After discussion, this motion was withdrawn. The Board the voted to approve the church's budget as it was originally submitted.

Regarding issues of outreach and budgeting, the Board desires to create a strategic plan for Country Club Christian Church that will address building maintenance needs, growing our stewardship ministries, and reviewing our outreach ministries as a whole.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Rev. Carla Aday gave an update on the councils' recent strategic goal setting efforts. Going forward, the councils will work together for maximum effectiveness on implementing strategies that involve multiple councils. Rev. Aday's report lists upcoming events and efforts to meet the goals laid out in Strategic Focus Area #1, which is "experience the life-changing love of God through worship." Her report is attached.

**NE Initiative Update:** Mary McClure offered a summary of the Northeast Initiative committee's work from May 2012 through the beginning of 2013. The committee has developed near term goals that focus on developing a relationship with the community of people in northeast Kansas City, and volunteering in that neighborhood. Five key strategies are laid out in her report, which is attached.

**Consent Agenda:** The Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Board Meeting and the attached council reports.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

The next Congregational Board meeting will be on February 12, 2013.

Upon adjournment, Glen Miles led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McDandel  
Secretary