Country Club Christian Church Congregational Board Minutes April 9, 2024

Attending: Jennifer Austenfeld, E.J. Becker, Kathy Buckley, Justin Cottrell, Erin Feitz, Dana Flora, James Guthrey, J.J. Jones, Phil Klever, Becky McElduff, Glenn Mills, Jennifer Parker, Beckie Rogers

Not Attending: Sara Engber

Staff: Rev. Carla Aday, Tulley Beard

Guests: Richard Boeshaar, Keith Hall, Nancy Lear, LeeAnn McGill

Call to Order

J.J. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Meditation

Dana Flora gave the opening meditation and opening prayer based on Spring and blooming.

Finance Committee Report

Glenn Mills said the Finance Committee has reviewed a couple drafts of the audit and recommends the Board accept the FY 2023 audit performed by LeeAnn McGill and Keith Hall of Ifft & Co. Ms. McGill gave an overview of the Management Comment Letter and audit report. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the FY 2023 audit report.

Scout Troop Accounts Update

Richard Boeshaar, the Chartered Organization Representative for Boy Scouts of America Troop 1084 at the church, provided an updated list of signatories for the Troop's bank accounts. The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the updated account signatories.

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the dashboards for February and March. The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the consent agenda including the February 27th Congregational Board Minutes.

Personnel Committee Report

Rev. Carla Aday gave the report that both search committees for the directors of the Youth and the Children and Families ministries are scheduling interviews. The search committee for the Minister of Congregational Care is posted and being circulated.

Senior Minister Report

Rev. Aday said attendance for March saw a strong increase due to Easter falling early this year. In person attendance on Easter increased by 16% over last year. Annual giving is still significantly down from budget.

The Next 5

Rev. Aday said the first four-month cycle for new members is coming to a close and culminates with several new members joining the congregation next Sunday. It remains consistent that streamed content and the website are the first points of entry for visitors. Small groups remain active for younger families including church neighbors and two new Sunday School classes are up and running.

On the inclusivity goal, the Swope Partnership Team met and discussed increasing communication between the two churches, forming a Justice Table, engaging children and plans for the quarterly combined worship services.. The team is also working on some challenges in meeting the quarterly joint worship goal. The Open and Affirming Committee received an update on Alliance Q. On the technology goal, all church departments are using Church Center, videos of construction will be shown at ribbon cutting, use of text notifications is increasing, and Rev. Aday encouraged the Board to visit the You Tube landing page.

With regard to the Next 100 construction and campaign, the new Welcome Center at the east entrance is already open on Sundays and should be fully operational before the ribbon-cutting on April 28th. The congregation and staff are very excited for full access and use of the building. There was discussion on increasing member use and presence in the Church Center directory.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Aday offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.