

College Church University Avenue  
2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #1  
February 18, 2025 -- 6:30 PM

**Board members present:** Laura Allen, Lynda Allen, Tyler Bontrager, Charles Carrigan, Rachel Greenawalt, Jeanette Martinson, Aaron Meyer, Kyle Olney, Don Reddick, Leslie Ruzskowski.

Not Present: Tony Fightmaster, Amy Smith

**Staff members present:** Pastor Jen Johnson, Tim Mercer, Pastor Mark Quanstrom,

1. DEVOTIONS/PRAYER

- A. Pastor Mark led a devotion about the scriptures concerning the Church.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda (Rachel Greenawalt/Shannon Hicks)
- B. **ACTION:** Appointment of Stewards (Shannon Hicks, Tyler Bontrager, Laura Allen, Leslie Ruzskowski, Jeanette Martinson, Chuck Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster. Appointment of Trustees (Rachel Greenawalt, Aaron Meyer, Don Reddick, Lynda Allen, Kyle Olney, Amy Smith)
- C. **ACTION:** Nomination and Election of Board Secretary, Chuck Carrigan. (Jeanette Martinson/Aaron Meyer) Motion passed.
- D. **ACTION:** Nomination and Election of Treasurer, Tim Mercer. (Don Reddick/Lynda Allen) Motion passed.
- E. **ACTION:** Each board member chose a staff member to act as a ministry partner (Board Buddies): Tyler Bontrager—Luke and Amber; Rachel Greenawalt—Jen; Shannon—Jackie; Lynda Allen—Sherry; Laura Allen—Aubry; Jeanette Martinson—Angela; Chuck Carrigan—Joel; Aaron Meyer—Marvin, Jeff; Don Reddick—Jesse/Christine; Kyle Olney—Tim; Tony Fightmaster—Mark and Debi; Leslie Ruzskowski—Tyler.

3. FINANCE

- A. Tim Mercer reviewed the finance and budget reports for the church finances through January 31, 2025. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve the reports. (Kyle Olney/Tyler Bontrager)
- B. Mark reviewed the new budgets for 2025. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve the new budget. (Laura Allen/Leslie Ruzskowski)
- C. Housing allowances were approved for the Pastoral Staff, which includes Jen Johnson, Joel Heald, Mark Quanstrom, and Julie Branstetter. **ACTION:** These housing allowance requests were approved. (Jeanette Martinson/Chuck Carrigan)

4. NMI

- A. Mark and Jen invited the board to participate in the upcoming Missions Weekend, especially to sign up for trivia night. Mission's weekend is scheduled for February 19-23.

5. PASTORAL CARE

- A. Pastor Jen shared the Prayer Initiative plans for February and March. For February, the Prayer and Care Team has created a space to honor and thank the volunteers of each ministry at College Church. Every Sunday morning, there will be special treats and a place to hang out for a few minutes. For March, the Prayer and Care Team will pray for Pastor Julie and the Salvage Yard Biker Church congregation.

6. BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- A. Pastor Jen requests that the board consider approving the expense of replacing the carpet in the staff offices. The bid that was provided by John Fitts at FCA includes a donation. The expense would be \$11,897 and can be taken from our unreserved account. **ACTION:** A motion was

made to approve this expense. (Chuck Carrigan/Rachel Greenawalt). Motion passed unanimously.

7. ONU

- A. Mark led the discussion about the recent revival. Rev. Albert Hung had an impact on all who attended the services. Shane Lima will be the revival speaker for next fall.
- B. ONU requested to use the CLC to hold an immigration meeting after the current political state concerning illegal immigrants. Mark shared with the board about how the meeting went. The goal was to assure the students that ICE agents would not be coming on campus to gather them all for deportation. They are looking for felons and have warrants for their arrest, which they are required to have.
- C. ONU has requested to use the sanctuary for Debbie Dykhous's funeral service, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 22. Debbie and Rick attended College Church on the weekends they were in town.
- D. Pastor Mark told the board that ONU has requested to use the CLC for a small private reception on March 13 while Mike Pence is on campus.

8. CALENDAR

- A. Upcoming Board meeting dates: March 27, April 24, May 15, June 19, no July, August 21, and Sept 18,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Pastor Mark shared the activities over the past month with the board. He also shared that he will be traveling to see his son Luke at the Ontic Security Summit. He and Debi plan to go back to Texas to visit family in the second week of March.
- B. Pastor Mark shared about the Staff Collect and what was discussed. He took the SWOT analysis and gave it a more spiritual emphasis and made it applicable to ministry staff. Several takeaways from the day's discussion included the desire to emphasize the power of public reading of the Word. We decided to start this during the Lenten season, on March 5.

10. BENEDICTION

Pastor Mark closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson