

College Church University Avenue
2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #2
March 25, 2025 -- 6:30 PM

Board members present: Laura Allen, Lynda Allen, Tyler Bontrager, Charles Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster, Rachel Greenawalt, Jeanette Martinson, Kyle Olney, Don Reddick, Leslie Ruzskowski, and Amy Smith.

Not Present: Shannon Hicks, Aaron Meyer

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

1. DEVOTIONS/PRAYER
 - A. Tony Fightmaster opened the meeting in prayer.
2. ADMINISTRATION
 - A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda (Rachel Greenawalt/Lynda Allen)
 - B. **ACTION:** Charles reviewed the minutes for the in-person meeting in February 2025, highlighting the action items. A Motion was made to approve the February Minutes. (Don Reddick/Tony Fightmaster)
 - C. **ACTION:** Charles reviewed the minutes for the Electronic Vote Minutes. A motion was made to approve these minutes. (Kyle Olney/Tyler Bontrager)
3. FINANCE
 - A. Tim Mercer reviewed the finance and budget reports for the church finances through February 28, 2025. He clarified a figure that is being set aside for youth scholarships that has been give over the past year. The staff has spent almost 12% of our budget. **ACTION:** Motion was made to approve the reports. (Laura Allen/Leslie Ruzskowski)
 - B. Housing allowances were reviewed for Sherry Mitchell and change in Joel Heald's housing allowance. **ACTION:** Motion to approve these housing allowances as they were submitted. (Jeanette Martinson/Amy Smith)
4. NMI
 - A. Amy Smith shared a recap of the Missions Weekend. She was pleased with the results of the many activities and events for families. The Trivia Night raised more than \$1000 for mission scholarships.
5. PASTORAL CARE
 - A. Pastor Jen shared that the Prayer Initiative for March is to pray for the Salvage Yard Biker Church ministry and their new pastor, Julie Branstetter. The plan for April is to pray for the college students who are finishing up their semester.
6. BUILDING AND PROPERTY
 - A. Pastor Jen led the conversation concerning the purchase of the new van. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the purchase of a new church van from Watseka Ford through Steve Hannay and Carmen Kiger. The total cost of the new van is \$41,319.70. The Center of Hope congregation collected more than \$9000 to be used towards the purchase. The money from the sale of the old church bus, \$11,500, will also be used towards the van.
7. ONU
 - A. Mark led the discussion concerning the College Age Ministries. He shared about the meeting with Denise Maurer, director of College Age Ministries. He shared how pleased he and Denise are with how the ministry is going this year. He also shared that she is willing to continue to head the ministry through another year. The number of our college-age friends is up during the Sunday morning Worship services, and the Connection groups have had strong participation. The next events will include the day in Chicago for the students and an appreciation banquet for the

volunteers. Pastor Mark and Charles Carrigan will continue to teach the Sunday school class this Summer.

8. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Pastor Mark shared the activities over the past month with the board. He has been able to make many visits with members of the congregation.

9. CALENDAR

- A. Upcoming Board meeting dates: April 27 (Sunday), May 15, June 19, no July, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, Dec 7- Board Dinner

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. BENEDICTION

Don Reddick closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson