

College Church University Avenue
2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes #7
September 19, 2024 -- 6:30 PM

Board members present: Laura Allen, Tyler Bontrager, Charles Carrigan, Tony Fightmaster, Rachel Greenawalt, Shannon Hicks, Jeanette Martinson, Aaron Meyer, Kyle Olney, Don Reddick, and John Thomson.

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

Guests: Julie and Chris Branstetter

1. DEVOTIONS/PRAYER

- A. Pastor Mark led in prayer to start the meeting

2. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the agenda. (John Thomson/Rachel Greenawalt)
- B. Charles Carrigan reviewed the minutes from the August meeting, highlighting the action points. **ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes from the July 2024 meeting. (Shannon Hicks/Don Reddick)
- C. **ACTION:** Virtual meeting minutes approved. (Aaron Meyer/Kyle Olney)
- D. **ACTION:** Local Minister's license was approved for Sebastian DeVore. This is his 3rd local license, and he plans to attend the Discovery Weekend and apply for his first District Minister's license. (Tyler Bontrager/Laura Allen)

3. FINANCE

- A. Tim Mercer reviewed the August finance reports that included the budget report, and monthly comparison offering reports through the end of August 2024. **ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the August 2024 finance report. It was a very good report, with all allocations to our district and global obligations up to date. (Tony Fightmaster/Jeanette Martinson). All approved.

4. NMI

- A. Chris and Julie Branstetter, guests for the meeting, presented their mission efforts in "Blessing our Community." They are partnering with CCD and the USA/Canada Region to lead this initiative to the local churches. For our district, the churches participating in this mission effort include EastRidge, Bradley, Salvage Yard, Manteno, and CCUA. The CCUA team includes Brenda and Paul Kenyon, Pastor Braxsten, and Karen Rowe. They are meeting and discussing ways in which they can reach the community with an emphasis on prayer. Their next step is to create a community assessment. Pray, Go, Greet and Eat is the Mission Statement and is being used also to create a Sunday School curriculum. They are teaching this in the Here's the Bible Sunday School Class and plan to spend four weeks in the Faith and Life Class next. Other activities focus on creating relationships and connections with Hidden Glen Apartments and partnering with other ministry groups in the church and the community. For example, Paul Kenyon is taking his students to perform at senior citizen homes. They aim to integrate missional groups of College Church. They asked the Board to recommend, seek, promote, and communicate.

5. COLLEGE AGE MINISTRY

- A. Pastor Mark updated the board concerning the ministry efforts happening with this age group. He shared about Co-leading the Sunday school class with Chuck Carrigan. They meet in the CLC at 9AM every Sunday. Last week, they had 35 students. He also shared that there is a core group taking shape. He is also making concerted efforts to be more visible on campus as a church. For example, on Tuesdays, the staff is eating lunch together in Ludwig. Plans are also in the works to attend sporting events together as a Church. Keep your eyes open for T Shirts to buy and wear at these sporting events.

- B. Connection groups are taking shape with sign-ups happening in the Commons and Café.
 - C. Events: Dilly Bar Dash on September 22, Football Game on October 5, and Day in Chicago on October 19.
 - D. Pastor Mark and Pastor Joel are working on getting the Pastoral Ministry Interns to meet every other week to encourage these students to participate in the ministries here.
6. PASTORAL CARE
- A. Pastor Jen shared what the Prayer and Care Team has been doing this month. In September, the Team is praying for our area's sister churches. An invitation went out to each of them to attend our Revival Services. The Team is also assembling welcome baskets for the 17 new families now attending College Church, which the staff members will deliver later this month.
7. BUILDING AND PROPERTY
- A. Pastor Jen shared an update concerning the new partition for Room 100. The track has been installed, and we are waiting for the partition to be delivered and installed, which is expected in mid-October.
 - B. Pastor Jen informed the board that the flat roof over room 100 has been installed. Some minor fixes remain before it is complete.
 - C. Pastor Jen informed the board of the new chairs purchased for room 200.
 - D. Pastor Jen asked the board for approval to pursue a new carpet/flooring bid for the CLC. It was approved.
8. PASTOR'S REPORT
- A. Pastor Mark shared his upcoming travel schedule with the board. He plans to attend a preaching conference in KC in the last week of September and then travel to Texas to visit his family on October 16-20. Pastor Marvin will preach on Sunday, October 20.
 - B. Pastor Mark reported that he and Debi plan to host the Young Adults at their house on September 28. This age group needs to gather as a community and establish an identity.
 - C. Pastor Mark shared the current salary schedule for the paid staff. He would like the new budget in place for this board to approve it for 2025. No Executive Session was necessary.
9. CALENDAR
- A. Calendar on the reverse side of the agenda.
 - B. Upcoming Board meeting dates: November 22, and December 14 (Saturday) at 6 PM, Christmas Dinner. **NOTE** the change of date (again!) for the Christmas Dinner.
10. BENEDICTION
- Charles Carrigan ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Jen Johnson