

**United Church of Chapel Hill  
Church Council Meeting,  
May 21, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

	Alecia Brower, Moderator	X	Kirstin Frescoln, BJOS
X	Gaylen Brubaker, Asst. Moderator	X	Bill Siddall, MES
X	Derek Harrison, Treasurer	X	Kathy Pause, Adult Education
X	Nancy Siebens, Clerk		Jeanne Allen, Adult Education
		X	Phill Wilson, BJOS
X	Tim Gable, Trustees		David Tanner, Member At Large
X	Ron Johnson, Trustees	X	Emily Fitzpatrick, Member At Large
	April Harrison, Deacons		Lee Storrow, Member at Large
X	Kathy Neas, Deacons	X	Ingrid Schmidt, Member At large
X	Gary Boorman, Fellowship		
	Lee Sorensen, Fellowship	X	Cameron Barr, Sr. Pastor
	Lisa Wruck, Children's Ministries	X	Ian McPherson, Minister of youth
X	Christine Harding, Children's Ministry	X	David Mateo, Pastor
	Amy Reeves, Youth & Young Adults	X	Austin Brown, Trustees
X	Lynn Bowlby, Youth & Young Adults	X	Allen Reed
X	Amy Malinsky, Children's Ministry		

**Invocation**

Opening prayer by Rev. Barr.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 23rd meeting were approved.

**Board Business**

Creation Justice Covenant Proposed for Adoption at Annual Meeting

Allen Reed presented the Creation Justice Covenant.

MOTION: BJOS asks the Council to accept that the Creation Covenant be put forth to the congregation at at the next Congregational Meeting. APPROVED

Earth Ministries is planning education sessions with the youth.

**Strategic Planning**

Discussion of Insights and Learnings from Environmental Scan

The resent Environmental Scan was reviewed by the Council. Rev. Barr asked for comments about what other information was needed.

Gaylen Brubaker thought there wasn't enough talk about the building as outreach, revenue and an asset.

Kirsten stated that there wasn't enough emphasis on Social Justice. She said BJOS would put

together recent history about social justice issues. ie. Environment, Habitat for Humanity... Rev. Mateo noted that La Mesa began in 2017 so Iglesia Unida numbers noted before that should not be included.

Ingrid said the Racial Justice Committee mentioned in the Scan is inactive.

#### Discussion of Proposed Governance Study

Rev Barr presented a proposal to study best practices in governance among churches that worship in a congregational polity and make recommendations to the Council for changes in Practice concerning the conduct of council meetings, congregational meetings and the dissemination of church wide communications. This is in reaction to the March Congregational meeting and the protracted budget discussions of last fall. After much and varied conversation Rev Barr suggested that the conversation was inconclusive and we will pick it up at another time.

#### **Nominating**

The new board member roster was presented.

MOTION: Call the Annual Congregational meeting on Tuesday 6/11. APPROVED

MOTION: Approve the current list of new board members and revisions that come up to fill vacant positions. APPROVED.

#### **Financial Planning**

Derek Harrison discussed how the Trustees, Treasurer and Business Manager were working to decrease the sense of urgency regarding the budget at the end of the year and increase transparency. He presented a graph which noted "big rocks" or known large expenses in the year. At this point there is a known projected deficit of \$69,000. He suggested beginning to work on that now instead of later. They are advocating for more coordination between Personnel and the Trustees because personnel is by far the greatest fixed expense in the budget.

#### **June Congregational meeting**

We had discussed having the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 4. However, that is only 2 weeks away. The Council agreed that we should change the date to June 11 at 6:30 to allow for 3 weeks notice of the meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled to be during General Synod so the pastors will not be available. The meeting was changed to the week before.

**Next scheduled meeting:** Tuesday June 18 at 7PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Siebens, Clerk



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