

**United Church of Chapel Hill
Church Council Meeting, July 14, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

X	Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator	X	Susan Renwick, MES
X	Melanie Joiner, Assistant Moderator		
X	Doug Bruce, Treasurer	X	Anne Stoddard, Trustees
X	Karen Demby, Clerk		
		X	Megan Hughes, Youth & Young Adults
	Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor		
			Angel Collie, At Large
X	Linda Sellars, Adult Education		Helen Hoening, At Large
		X	Jeremy O'Connor, At Large
X	Linden Thayer, Children's		Robin Smith, At Large
X	Peter Schay, Deacons		Pastors Attending
		X	Ian McPherson, Associate Pastor
X	Lee Sorensen, Fellowship	X	David Mateo, Associate Pastor
X	Mark Kleinschmidt, BJOS		

Call to Order

Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator

Invocation

Rev. Ian McPherson, Associate Pastor

Group Sharing

Gaylen Brubaker led the group in introductions. Everyone shared their name and role. Those attending their first meeting gave some background on what brought them to this church, or church in general.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Demby, Clerk

A motion to approve May 26th Council minutes was made by Peter Schay, seconded by Lee Sorensen and approved by a show of hands.

A motion to approve the June Congregational meeting minutes was made by Lee Sorensen, seconded by Melanie Joiner and approved by a show of hands.

2020 Financial Update

Doug Bruce, Treasurer, Anne Stoddard, Chair, Trustees

- Doug Bruce gave an overview of the church's current financial status. Overall, finances are good, and expenses are less than budgeted. This has resulted in about a \$48,000 surplus, which is typical for this time of year. Non-pledge funds that have been raised for outreach, which includes the Spreading Justice Initiative, is just over \$70,000. Ian McPherson provided an update on the applications for Spreading Justice. Most requests for funding are at the level of about \$500. There is an ebb and flow of in the number of requests received weekly. Since there are funds remaining, the pastors will continue to circulate the link to let people know that funds are still available and how to apply. Reverend Carl Kenney, whose organization received ~\$9000 from the Initiative expressed his gratitude via a letter to the church.

- Gaylen informed us that we do have \$100,000 loan, part of which may be forgiven. The amount that is forgiven essentially becomes a grant. There will be some discussion about how these funds might be applied to our needs in the next few meetings.
- Gaylen also led the discussion of the possibility of a monetary gift to the Southern Conference. The church provides regular donations to the Conference but have needed to reduce these amounts in the past couple of years. In the past year, our church has accessed their services for support and funds are likely to be available, making this gift timely. Trustees, along with MES will do some scenario planning and come back to Council with suggestions on how to proceed, re, amount and timing of this gift.
- Gaylen Brubaker – budget process. The budget process this year may be a bit different this year than last. Last year, we proposed an aspirational budget and then pulled back to meet pledge levels. This year, scenario planning will be used to align the budgeting process with program needs and anticipated revenue.

Board Business

Gaylen Brubaker

- **Nominations:**
 - A motion to accept Lori Carter as a member of the Board of Deacons was made by Peter Schay, seconded by Karen Demby and approved by a show of hands.
 - A motion to accept Gary Boorman as a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee was made by Karen Demby, seconded by Jeremy O'Connor and approved by a show of hands.
- **Alternative Gift Market.** Henry Lister is working on a virtual AGM. At this time he seeking guidance on where the financial support for this endeavor is coming from – from Council or BJOS. BJOS will discuss in their next meeting and will also consider how to include in next year's budget.
- **Opening Day.** This will be in electronic format. It is usually held the weekend after Labor Day, but this year's date has not been announced.

What's Next for UCCH?

Gaylen Brubaker and Melanie Joiner shared some reflections on two years at church with a new pastor. They focused on achievements, lessons learned and outlined some expected challenges in the near future. They have proposed a path forward for the Church and Council, but they have invited members of Council to collaborate with them in planning over the next year or so. There was some discussion among the Council members about these issues and future plans. These conversations are to be continued at a later date.

Upcoming Schedule

- Jul 28, Aug 4, and Aug 11: Waking Up White discussion, 7pm. Use this link to register to receive a conformational email and information about joining each meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrc-ivrTgvHtOkKDG1gvk2oRS8fYinVIFy>
- **Next Council Meeting: August 25, 2020, 7:00 pm.**

Closing Prayer:

Rev. David Mateo led the group in a closing prayer.

Adjournment:

Gaylen Brubaker

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Demby, Clerk