

**United Church of Chapel Hill
Church Council Meeting, September 29, 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
X	Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor		
		X	Angel Collie, At Large
X	Linda Sellars, Adult Education	X	Helen Hoenig, At Large
		X	Jeremy O'Connor, At Large
X	Linden Thayer, Children's	X	Robin Smith, At Large
	Peter Schay, Deacons		Others Attending
		X	David Mateo, Associate Pastor
X	Lee Sorensen, Fellowship	X	Mary Elizabeth Henchey, Associate Pastor
		X	Jody Forehand, MES member
X	Ingrid Schmidt, BJOS		

CALL TO ORDER

Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor

CHECK-IN

Melanie Joiner, Assistant Moderator, invited us to share our favorite vacation. Regular family visits to the mountains and the beach along with some who enjoyed exploring new places.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen Demby, Clerk presented minutes from the prior meeting. A motion to approve August 25th Council minutes was made by Anne Stoddard, seconded by Ingrid Schmidt and approved by a show of hands.

2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE/BUDGET

Doug Bruce, Treasurer reported that we continue to experience very good financial results even with the uncertainty in the economy. He hopes and prays this pattern persists but thinks we must remain focused in case this trend changes.

- **Dashboard** – the congregation showed generosity in contributions to special funds while maintaining regular pledges. The special funds, Spreading Justice and the Triangle Mask Project amount (~\$80K) are almost 10% of our annual pledge budget for 2020. However, the Capital Expense Reserve is woefully inadequate if we had a significant need. Usually the HVAC systems would be of concern, but, for the present time, they have been given a clean bill of health.
- **Balance Sheet.** PPP Loan is \$138,500 and the amount that could be forgiven is as yet undetermined. We should know in 1-2 months how much of this will be forgiven.
- **Analysis of Revenues and Expenses.** We have a surplus of \$28,000 YTD due to reduced expenses since there is no in-person worship. The current surplus is calculated by expenses being under budget by almost \$80,000 (the budgeted deficit of \$51,947 + \$28,837 surplus). It's difficult to predict where we will be at year's end, but, assuming sustained giving at budgeted amounts with continued reduced expenses, the surplus could be larger than it is now.

Anne Stoddard, Chair of Trustees presented a proposed 2021 budget that was similar to the 2020 budget as well as an alternative budget that shows an overall 20% reduction in the total expenses. Questions regarding the policies behind the budget decisions were raised and discussed to decide on the 'straw man' budget that will be presented to the Congregation on October 14 for their feedback. Anne will develop two new alternatives for that presentation, and they will include scenarios using funds from the PPP and Capital Expense Reserve.

STAFFING AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor shared with Council his plan to issue a statement to the congregation concerning where we are with COVID-19 and how we will prepare for returning to normal activities. There will be two services – festival worship and La Mesa. Council will be involved in the planning of timing of these services as well as the location of the La Mesa service. Also, to be considered are the timing and location of Sunday School classes and other Sunday activities. We will need to 'negotiate with ourselves' on these changes and Council has been asked to reflect on this.

UCCH COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2021

Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator, proposed a special meeting to discuss updates to the bylaws, Personnel and Pastoral Relations Committee changes along with UCCH Mission and Council Goals. The meeting was set for October 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

BOARD OR COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ingrid Schmidt, Chair of BJOS submitted a motion for Henry Lister to join BJOS. The motion was seconded by Anne Stoddard and approved by a show of hands.

Ingrid Schmidt, Chair of BJOS submitted a motion for UCCH to sign a petition in favor of a new goal for net zero carbon emissions by Duke Power:

The Motion. In keeping with our congregation living into our Creation Covenant Ingrid Schmidt (Chair of the Board of Justice Outreach and Service) moved that the United Church of Chapel Hill be included with other faith communities as signatories of the Net Zero Carbon Emission Petition by Creation Justice Network to the Duke Energy Board of Directors asking that Duke Energy commit to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030, not 2040. The motion was given a 2nd by Anne Stoddard and approve by voice vote.

Council further recommended that feedback from members of Council about the petition to the governor be shared with Creation Justice Network (CJN), so that Council can consider signing a second petition, which would be presented to the Governor, if CJN chooses to make revisions.

Not discussed: Food Security Committee by BJOS and Friday night BLM Vigils.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- Special Council Meeting: Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 pm
- Presentation of Draft Budget: Wednesday, October 14
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 27
- Congregational Meeting: Monday, November 2

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey gave a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Gaylen Brubaker
Respectfully submitted, Karen Demby, Clerk