

**United Church of Chapel Hill
Church Council Meeting, May 25th, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

X	Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator		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		
			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
X	Peter Schay, Deacons		Others Attending
		X	Ian McPherson, Associate Pastor
X	Lee Sorensen, Fellowship	X	David Mateo, Associate Pastor
		X	Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, Associate Pastor
X	Ingrid Schmidt, BJOS	X	Larry Kroutil, BJOS Chair Elect

CALL TO ORDER

Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor

CHECK-IN

Linda Sellars, chair of Adult Education asked us to share one thing good that happened in our lives in the past week or so. Lots of simple pleasures included a daughter's birthday, guests for dinner INSIDE, reunions with old friends or colleagues, spiritual growth meeting at home, gardening/harvesting, reading and talking and quiet time, gifts of kindness, strawberry picking followed by jam, children's hospital visit without drama, Tennessee mountain wedding, haircut, Pentecost in-person service, looking forward to retirement in the fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen Demby, Clerk

Peter Schay moved to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by Megan Hughes and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE/BUDGET

Doug Bruce, Treasurer and Anne Stoddard, Chair of Trustees

Financials. With Duane Gilbert absent, a preliminary report prepared by Kati Ruark was reviewed. There were no unusual patterns, but the Trustees want to await a detailed review and comment on the April financials until Duane can provide a final report.

Buildings and Grounds. Trustees have reviewed cost estimates from carpet vendors and a range of approximately \$13,000 - \$17,000 has been approved. The final carpet selection will include the input from some of our members with a more 'artistic eye.'

Fundraising Policy. A draft of a new fundraising policy was presented by Anne. Please review and supply your comments to Anne as soon as possible. Gaylen has suggested that boards review and add explicit examples of ongoing fundraising activities. The idea is for this to be a living document and contain a complete list of items that already have blanket approval.

STAFFING AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor

Building Use Status. There was a successful outdoors, in-person service for Pentecost. About 100 people attended. The next in-person worship will be led by La Mesa on June 20th. On June 1, the church building will become open for small group activities. There is a room that is equipped for hybrid meetings that can be utilized.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES AND PLANS

Officer Nominations. **Gaylen Brubaker** reported that there were nominations for most of the Council leadership positions: Assistant Moderator, Erica Tillman; At-Large, Soren Pothoff and Nubia Rivero; Clerk, Jane Landreth. We are still seeking a nominee for moderator. Please pass the names of any likely candidates to Gaylen. For more information, you can review the position description which is on the nomination page.

Board Nominations. **Karen Demby** shared a listing with Council that outlined the current board membership, potential new additions, and those who are retiring. There are still openings on boards. Chairs and members are continuing to seek leads, make invitations, and wait for responses, but chairs are asked to provide updates to the status document by May 30 so that Council can vote via email on May 31st.

To help with both nomination processes, **Pastor Cameron** will remind the congregation of the opening for moderator and also announce that there are openings for board leadership as well. Congregation members will be encouraged to submit names and to also contact Board Chairs for information about service including time commitment.

Fall 2021 Sunday Morning Programming Report. After presentation by **Pastor Cameron Barr** and some discussion, the following motion was made:

Peter Schay moved to approve for the schedule and rationale for changes in Sunday morning programming to be shared with the Congregation in advance of the Annual meeting. Helen Hoenig provided a 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved. minutes as written.

Peter Schay provided an update on noise reduction for the sanctuary and the parlor. The noise from the Narthex into the sanctuary will be reduced by the use of acoustically engineered doors. For the parlor, the door will be updated, but sound insulation will need to be applied to the ceiling as well. Peter and Kati are currently looking for an engineer.

Summer Council Orientation. **Gaylen** suggested that the old and new Councils meet in June to share information and provide a smooth transition. Council members are encouraged to think about what has worked and what hasn't worked for them during their years of service and to pass on to the newest members. Meeting date will be June 29th and possibly an in person or hybrid meeting.

Congregational Meeting Agenda – it would be great to have some information from boards about their activities over the past year, for example a photo and caption or description to describe involvement in social justice activities. Please share these with Gaylen.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Suggestions for nominations due to Boards by May 30th.

Voting on the slate of officers and members will occur in email on May 31st.

Congregational meeting, Wednesday, June 9th

Next Council Meeting, June 29th

CLOSING PRAYER: Ian McPherson, Associate Pastor

ADJOURNMENT: Gaylen Brubaker

Respectfully submitted, Karen Demby, Clerk