

General Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021 – in person and via ZOOM

ATTENDING Pamela Jones, Carol Madere, Dak McInnis, Rev. David Chisham, Chris Culp, Ray Acardo, Ann Baskin, Shelly Cody, Ann Landry, Judy Lester, Mike Wilson, Jo Craddock (Admin. Ass't.)

ABSENT Bill Trotter

OPENING Pam Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Elder Chair Chris Culp offered some Pentecost trivia and concluded with prayer.

Judy Lester introduced the March 2021 meeting minutes, previously distributed for review, for acceptance into the record. Chris Culp moved, with second by Ray Acardo, and the motion to accept the March 2021 minutes into the record passed without opposition.

TREASURER Dak McInnis had distributed the treasurer's report and pointed out some highlights of same, noting the PPP loan forgiveness process had been completed; the loan has been forgiven and bank statements show "zero balance" on the account. The report was received into the record.

PROPERTY REPORT Rev. Chisham outlined the property report previously distributed and it was received into the record.

Dak McInnis described that the Building Use subcommittee had met with representatives of Broadmoor Baptist Church who described how they created their Facilities Committee, and eventually engaged with St. Lillian's School for daily use of a significant portion of the Broadmoor Baptist Church campus.

A building use committee at FCC ideally needs representatives of contractual, real estate, property management experience, along with involvement in the area to discern potential tenants meeting the mission of FCC. BBC had a volunteer "point person," who was interested in and able to accomplish many of their start-up goals. The committee will also need to gauge and/or garner congregational buy-in on this use of property.

Mr. McInnis suggested the Board keep a mindful eye toward identifying a "quarterback" within the congregation to begin building this research team/committee.

COMMITTEE RPTS. No committee reports were presented.

Pam Jones advised Toni Wilson has accepted a two-year position on the Financial Review committee; she and Donna Embree will be scheduling the 2021 review with Brenda Hilgendorf, shortly.

The Pastoral Relations Committee will be meeting June 15, 2021.

Other committees and members remain to be recruited.

NEW BUSINESS Carol Madere, chair of the Thompson Farewell Brunch, discussed plans for this first fellowship dinner since the pandemic began. Groups within the church will be responsible for providing various parts of the brunch: The adult Sunday class will bring fruits and veggies; the Board will provide breakfast casseroles, biscuits, etc.; and, the Elders will stock the sweets and pastries table. Kori Chisham, the Taliaferros, and Pam Jones will decorate. Judy Lester suggested spacing the food tables, rather than their usual long line up, to minimize congestion; and, suggested a member-signed photo of the church as a parting gift to the Thompsons. Rev. Chisham volunteered to be in charge of the gift, which will be made available for members to sign on Sundays as soon as possible. Charles Riddle will be asked to be in charge of the kitchen, refills, etc.

In review of current COVID responses, Rev. Chisham pointed out that spacing/masking on the west side of the sanctuary had been dismissed, although these criteria remain in effect on the east side, and it is noticeable that some are simply more comfortable with those measures yet in place.

MINISTERS RPT. A vibrant discussion was held regarding the proposals set forth in the Minister's Report which had been distributed to the Board. Recognizing the pastoral-sized congregation FCC is, and the specific demographics of its members, the ambitious goals of the SOS project met a blockade in getting it into action. The needs of the members - and the skills and desires of others to help - is evident by the organic response raised within the congregation, but creating more committees may be the stumbling block in the way of moving forward. (See committee recruitment, *infra*.) He suggested it may be time to re-imagine the committee work at FCC. Judy Lester and Chris Culp both offered that individual assistance is an Elder-coordinating issue; Ray Acardo suggested starting small and gauging needs carefully.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Board, following a benediction offered by Dak McInnis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lester, Secretary
by Jo Craddock, Admin. Ass't.