



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		Chad Freeburg, <i>Chair</i>	■		Beth Comeaux, <i>Outreach</i>
■		Deb Fowler, <i>Chair Elect</i>	■		Ging Wiandt, <i>Spiritual Formation</i>
■		Mike McCallister, <i>Secretary</i>	■		Karen Barstad, <i>Worship</i>
■		Emi Bennett Vo, <i>Community Life</i>	■		Mary Welfling, <i>Archivist</i>
	■	Eric Olsen, <i>Finance and Administration</i>	■		Beth Faeth, <i>Transitional Minister for Congregational Care</i>
■		John Kulstad, <i>Fine Arts</i>		■	Paula Northwood, <i>Minister for Spiritual Formation</i>

GUESTS:

Allison Campbell Jensen, Director of Communication; Seth Patterson, Director of Spiritual Formation and Theater; Mary Kay Sauter

Actions Taken:

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Agenda and Minutes

Meditation / Prayer

- Offered by Ging Wiandt, a reading from *Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr Seuss.

Minnesota’s Immigrant Rights Action Committee (Mary Kay Sauter)

- Mary Kay Sauter shared details about the Minneapolis Sanctuary Platform, such as how it came to her attention, other organizations sponsoring or supporting the Platform, and points addressed by the Platform.
- The Outreach Board supports the Platform, and with the Immigrant Welcoming Working Group, they are seeking broader, more visible support from Plymouth.
- The Leadership Council reflected on the Platform, discussed whether to lend support and if so, in what form, and discussed previous ways Plymouth has supported other social movements.
- No formal motion was made, but the Leadership Council requested that the Racial Justice Task Force work with the Immigrant Welcoming Working Group to bring a proposal to the Leadership Council for specific action.
- The Boards were also asked to consider the request and to provide feedback at the next meeting.

Church Dance on May 19th – Board of Community Life (Emi Bennett Vo)

- Emi described the upcoming events celebrating the church’s 160th anniversary, and requested the Boards help get word out about the event, and to encourage people to attend.

Ambassador Program (Emi Bennett Vo)

- Emi also discussed a new activity being adopted within the Board of Community Life to make Ambassadorship a larger focus. She shared how their Board has put this into action (“Ambassador Stories” as part of their regular agenda) and requested other Boards consider doing something similar or aligned toward the same ends.

Nominations for Next Church Year

- Discussed which Boards have needs for members in the coming year.
- The Boards of Worship, Spiritual Formation, and Finance and Administration are fully staffed.

- The other Boards are still looking for some members. There is an upcoming “Board Fair”, with tables in Guild Hall after Sunday’s service. Also suggested talking to Nina Johnson, who has been helpful in identifying people who are ready to engage.

Growth Task Force

- Discussed the membership of the Growth Task Force. There have been a limited number of nominations so far, and the Leadership Council discussed potential members to contact.
- Also discussed having Nancy Siska meet with the new Task Force to discuss lessons learned by the Transition Planning Task Force.

Board-Affiliated Groups List

- Discussed ongoing maintenance of the Board-Affiliated Groups list. This information has recently been updated by Mary Welfling, but it was agreed that ongoing maintenance would be better aligned with the Secretary.
- Mike McCallister and Mary Welfling will meet to transition the existing material. Mike will study it and look at whether this might be something to discuss further with Doug.

Next Meeting

- Next Leadership Council **May 23, 2018** at 6:00 pm

Adjourn

*Respectfully submitted,
Mike McCallister, secretary*

Minutes Procedure

Minute-taker submits draft to group within 10 days of meeting; members have 7 days to submit revisions (no response is treated as approval).

If any revisions, minute-taker forwards revised draft to group within 3 days for electronic approval; members have 2 days to respond (no response is treated as approval).

Minute-taker submits approved minutes in Microsoft Word format to the Ministry Assistant for Programs (Doug Freeman, dougf@plymouth.org) upon approval.