

Niantic Community Church Governing Board Meeting Minutes
17 OCT 2022, 7:00 pm (Multi-Purpose Room)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Frank Chan. Members present: Frank Chan, Peg Herzberg, Liz Buhler, Hal Robb, Judy DeVey, Craig Woody, Rich Thomson, Kathy Leindecker, Nancy Hunt, Terri McTigue, Carol Donovan, Mary Childs

2. Joys and Concerns, by board members, Peg Herzberg offered an opening devotion and prayer.

3. Approval of Minutes Discussion and corrections for the 19 September Governing Board meeting minutes, as corrected: Typographical error “in” should read “is” on page 2 paragraph 4.

Motion by Judy DeVey, seconded by Carol Donovan.

Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Officers’ Reports

a. President’s Report (See report 17 OCT 2022 by Frank Chan) update on COVID guidance, Immigration presentation and call for donations was successful, Tidings is ready to begin this week, Potluck dinner on Saturday 10/22/22.

b. Treasurer’s Report (See Sept Financial Reports) Liz reported that each committee has been given the updated financial report. Thirty-three pledges have been received so far for a total pledge amount of \$121,000.

Motion to accept the report by Carol Donovan, seconded by Peg Herzberg

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Stewardship Campaign Status Report (by Georgie Granger): Pledges will be dedicated on 10/30/2022, 93 packages were either hand delivered, the rest have been mailed out. Thirty-three pledges (\$121,000) have been received so far. Reminder to get pledges in as soon as you can.

6. Transition Pastor Search Committee report by Peg Herzberg. 9 profiles have been received and 2 are from Connecticut. Two interviews have been conducted and a third is planned for Wednesday. One of the applicants has withdrawn and one new one has submitted their profile. The committee consists of Verna Swan, Phil Lombardo, Mary Mirecki, and Peg Herzberg. The committee is looking for a unanimous decision.

7. Ministry Teams’ Reports

Admin: Judy DeVey (See Administration Ministry Team October 2022) reports that the personnel manual is being reviewed and cleaned up regarding language. She, Kathy Kern, and Sherri Meier have worked with Theresa Cleary for this process.

Justice, Education, and Fellowship Ministry Team (JEF): Kathy Leindecker (See October 2022 GB Report) reports that they are looking to have Patty Chaffey come for an on site event. Faith in Action - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Dinner 10/20/2022, Blood Drive, Christian Education Confirmation class has four students with Julia. Will determine additional adult to support. Christmas pageant will ask for participation early to work around family travel/vacation plans. Jason Deeble donated 6 copies of the book Waking up White which will be in the NCC Office.

Property and Maintenance: Craig Woody reported a new leak above the stairwell. Finishing and signing off on the parsonage work. Contracted Hayes Snow Removal. Successfully re-seeded the benches area outside of the dining hall with help from Stephanie Chan.

Finance: Carol Donovan reported that the group is moving the meeting to Tuesday nights. Reminder that any purchase from April 2021 to the present needs to be added for our insurance company to reflect any updates/upgrades/replacements.

Legacy Ministry Team: Hal Robb (See 13 October 2022 Report) shared that the sign has been placed for the Memorial Garden. 9 requests for education grants have been received. Currently looking for better computer support and moving to Star Computers, a local company. Will begin using Microsoft 365 which is a paid subscription. Will be sending the information to Carol for budget purposes.

Operations: Terri McTigue (See Operations Ministry Team October 17, 2022) reported that the annual review of the NCCCC Director was quite positive. Music Worship Arts would like a response as soon as possible regarding how much we can offer for the organist/bell choir director. Discussion regarding \$17,000 not being enough. Currently we need another substitute to cover. Ellen is working on updating name tags. Question to alter the Service start time to 9:30 was brought up. Will continue to use disposable communion element cups.

8. Current Business Items

a. **Motion (if required) – UMC and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Agreement**, the current plan for the BSA is to move to Flanders Baptist and Community Church. This will require the NCC to sign a Facility Use Agreement during this transition. **Motion** is to authorize the President, Frank Chan, to sign the Facility Use Agreement and to authorize all BSA equipment and bank account to their new chartered organization.

Motion made by Frank Chan and seconded by Craig Woody for a roll call vote. Peg Herzberg yes, Liz Buhler yes, Hal Robb yes, Judy DeVey yes, Craig Woody yes, Kathy Leindecker yes, Terri McTigue yes, Carol Donovan yes, Mary Childs yes.

Motion Carries.

b. **Temporary Appointment of a Pastoral Care assistant** Jeff Birch currently provides worship. We need someone to provide spiritual guidance. Frank Chan

and Peg Herzberg would like to approach Rev. Kaleigh Colbert-Rasmussen for six months for our care. (See resume) Proposed would be a 6-month short-term contract where the position is supervised by the Governing Board. The Governing Board was asked to give Frank Chan permission to extend this temporary contract for Pastoral Care. She is already part of our pulpit supply which is a separate duty to provide our congregation's Sunday morning service needs.

Motion by Peg Herzberg to extend this contract, seconded by Carol Donovan for a roll call vote. Peg Herzberg yes, Liz Buhler yes, Hal Robb yes, Judy DeVey yes, Craig Woody yes, Kathy Leindecker yes, Terri McTigue yes, Carol Donovan yes, Mary Childs yes.

Motion carries.

c. October 23rd Congregational Meeting Agenda: was discussed. No objections shared. The question of changing our Sunday morning start time to 9:30 was asked and will be included at this meeting.

9. New Business Items

a. Permission to post of League of Women Voters (LWV) yard sign: Joanne Moore has requested permission to place a yard sign on the Church property to advocate support of the Early Voting referendum on this November's ballot. President discussed that voting is a fundamental freedom and a civic duty, posting of such a sign is appropriate.

10. Voices of the Congregation

Ron Johnson spoke in support for recognition for Troops 7 and 24 and all the positive work they have done here. This would be a positive send off with good wishes, as well as looking forward to working with them in the future. This would help the entire congregation to be aware.

Juanita Durham shared regarding vaccination clinics being held by Ledge Light. On Monday there is a clinic at the Groton Municipal Building from 3-6 PM on 10/24. The offered COVID vaccination is Moderna which is free, walk-ins are welcome. All information is on the Ledge Light Health District website. This will be added to the Wednesday Notes this week.

Edie Watrous shared that Rev. Kaleigh will conduct communion on 11/13/22 which is not the first Sunday of the month.

11. Adjournment of regular meeting

Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting made by Liz Buhler, seconded by Craig Woody

Motion passed, Meeting adjourned at 8:21p

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.

Next Governing Board Meeting – Monday, 21 NOV 2022