

**Approved by the Governing Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**Niantic Community Church Governing Board Minutes  
17 April 2023, 7:00 pm (In-Person)**

**Governing Board Members Present:** Frank Chan, Peg Herzberg, Liz Buhler, Hal Robb, Judy DeVey, Craig Woody, Kathy Leindecker, Gail San Juan, Nancy Hunt, Terri McTigue, and Mary Childs.

**Staff Members Present:** Pastor Eric Elnes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Frank Chan
2. Joys and Concerns shared by members present, Opening Prayer offered by Liz Buhler
3. Approval of the 20 March 2023 Governing Board meeting minutes with amendments made for typographical errors. **Motion made by Hal Robb, seconded by Liz Buhler**
4. Officers' Reports
  - a. President's Report (See April 2023 President's Report) update on recent events as well as upcoming 4/23/23 Congregational Meeting and 4/29/23 Off Site Planning meeting. Lots of events and activities during the past month. Please see the Wednesday Note, Sunday Email, and Tidings for more information on upcoming events.
  - b. Pastor's Report: small groups starting soon, New Member class starting in June. Looking to see if there would be an interest in a guided tour in Israel. Also considering offering a service on Sundays that would include a message and directed meditation as an alternative option for the community.
  - c. Treasurer's March Monthly Report: (See report) Pledges are a little above. Loose offering is behind though offset by extra prior year offering. Current over budget items include electricity and IT. We have purchased a \$10,000 U.S. Treasury I-Bond at a good rate (6.89% for 6 months) and will use this as a seed investment towards the cost to replace the roof (note that \$30,000 is set aside per the 2023 financial plan). Will explore ways to invest an extra \$20,000 in a safe and high yield investment vehicle. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report made by Craig Woody and seconded by Kathy Leindecker**
5. Ministry Teams' Reports

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- a. JEF: Kathy Leindecker shared that we have updated our video licensing permissions and we are encouraged to check the list of covered videos. We have two volunteers to continue the meal ministries: Donna Hathaway and Sandy Tarallo. They will collaborate and we are always in need of baked goods and volunteers.
- b. Operations: Terri McTigue reported that NCCCC has secured a grant to cover payroll liability, there was a lot of activity throughout Easter and the music team is looking to recruit members and participants for the choirs.
- c. Property Management and Technology: Craig Woody said things look fairly good for the Church but that he is working to support NCCCC as the HVAC has an issue with the switch pads communicating with the unit. Looking to remove the shed that is falling down and replace a shed where the boy scouts one currently stands.  
Congregation and staff are encouraged to turn off lights, check that doors are locked, and report anything that seems concerning.
- d. Legacy: Hal Robb will create a slide or two offering reminders for listening to the pre and postlude as well as signing the red pew pads. May 6th will be a Memorial Garden work day and they are going to offer memorial bricks for sale.
- e. Finance: Thank you to Gail San Juan for volunteering to chair this committee
- f. Administration: Nothing to report.

### 6. Current Business Items

- a. Planning for April 23<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Congregational meeting: Board reviewed the agenda and discussed the participation of UMC and UCC representatives on zoom. Ministry Teams will not need to supply reports for this meeting.
- b. Offsite on 29<sup>th</sup> April to plot our path forward: Group reviewed the agenda and plan for small group sessions.

### 7. New Business Items

- a. Coffee hour schedule: MAY 2023 - Financial Resources, JUN 2023 – Legacy, JUL 2023 – Operations, AUG 2023 – JEF, **SEP 2023 – Open**, **OCT 2023 – Open**, there is still time for ministry teams to sign up for September and October.

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- b. Narthex Mezzanine Floor Reinforcement Proposal: See proposal submitted by Rich Thomson. Any questions or concerns should be made to either Craig Woody or Rich Thomson. The Governing Board will discuss this business item at the May meeting.
- 8. Voices of the Congregation: Questions and comments made by Nancy Hunt and Terri McTigue.
- 9. Adjournment: Motion made by Craig Woody and seconded by Hal Robb for adjournment.  
Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm  
Respectfully submitted by Mary Childs, NCC Clerk

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

**Next Governing Board Meeting – Monday, 22 May 2023 (Mothers' Day week prior)**