

COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
SPECIAL OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Call to Order: Chair, Larry Murray, opened this special meeting of the board at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guest Tom George of the Research Committee. Rev. William Haughton offered the opening prayer.

Present: John Boer, Jean Cooke, Rev. Will Haughton, Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Christy Manuel, Donna Martin, Monica McArthur, Robert Murdock, Larry Murray, Lianne Patterson, Dorothy Ramsay and Brian Young.

Regrets: Richard Floyd, Anne Snell and Bev Stockdale.

Corresponding Members:

Motion: Moved by John Boer, seconded by Christy Manuel, that Tom George be appointed as a corresponding member for this special Official Board meeting. **Carried**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

a) Research Committee – Congregational Survey Results – Tom George and Lianne Patterson

Tom George, Chair, and Lianne Patterson, Secretary, Research Committee, presented the balance of the congregational survey results.

Following the presentation, the board discussed options to move forward. One option could be to appoint a committee to look at the revitalization of Collier. It was suggested that direction to another committee would need to be specific, for example, concentrating on attracting new members. A consultant report completed 2 years ago during the research phase of the initial capital campaign is available for reference. A bulletin notice could advertise for interested congregation members to join this committee.

It is the board's role to complete visioning and strategic planning however tends to focus on operational and business issues. The board could set the framework and parameters and then consider involving another committee to carry out the direction determined. Another option is to create a small sub-committee with up to 2 people from the board and 1 or 2 others, perhaps from the Research Committee, with the intent that they plan how the discussion could be framed and attend the board meetings to stimulate the conversation. The sub-committee could draw on other resources from within the church as needed.

Motion: Moved by Dorothy Ramsay, seconded by Brian Young, that a Church Revitalization Committee be created that will digest the two survey results and devise an action plan for approval by the Official Board and the congregation. **Defeated**

The board determined that a one-day board retreat will be scheduled in the next 2 to 3 months to explore Collier's purpose, vision, mission and missional priorities in order to determine what it

means to be in ministry at Collier Street United Church. It would be beneficial to bring in a facilitator resource to help with the discussion. Board members are requested to provide their availability to the board chair to facilitate scheduling.

b) Board meetings have been lengthy of late, with some taking up to 4 hours.

Motion: Moved by Christy Manuel, seconded by Rob Murdock, that Official Board meetings end promptly at 9:30 pm or earlier, tabling outstanding agenda items to the next meeting.

Carried

Motion to adjourn by Christy Manuel at 9:06 p.m.

Closing Blessing – Rev. Hewitt Holmes

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair, Larry Murray

Secretary, Lianne Patterson