

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting – April 20, 2023



David Stirrat, Moderator	✓	Betsy Ashman, Finc'l Secretary	✓	Rowena Abulencia, Clerk	✓
Paul Brown, Treasurer	✓	Cynthia Eggers, at large	✓	Keenan Foster, Care	✓
Patty Foster, Care	✓	Helen Heal, at large	✓	Jason Hubbard, Ex Officio	X
Al Martin, WSL	✓	Barton Smith, WSL	✓	Julie Traverso, VM	X
				Lynn Berard – Guest	✓

The meeting was held in person and called to order at 5:06 pm. BSmith praised Council members for their work and detail in their reports. PBrown praised the work of those involved in the Una Vida food distribution last Saturday and the huge quantity of food that was offered. This will be every Saturday at 11 am (2-3 hrs) and invitation was extended to Council members.

- A motion by AMartin/seconded by BASHman to approve the March 16, 2023, Council meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

1. Financials, Care Branch, WSL, BAB Running Agenda, Moderators Report, B&G
2. HHeal – correction to BAB report # 3 listed as Legacy Committee; HHeal bring corrections and proposals to BAB at next meeting.
 - A motion by BASHman /seconded by PBrown to accept the consent agenda reports was approved unanimously.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1. Update on progress of Rejuvenation Project: Pr. JHubbard is on vacation, but he has included updates in Pastor's Report and will update in May meeting.
2. Motion from IPGT on updated guidelines was accomplished last time.
3. Strategic Planning Team – PBrown, EEggers, BSmith
 - a. A lengthy discussion ensued among members:
 - i. What is SPT? Link to document by PBrown on three fold emphasis: [Strategic Planning Team Report 04-17-23 PB.](#)
 - ii. How are we going to do this?
 - iii. What action and results do we look for?
 - iii. The Vision is to come from the whole congregation.
 - iv. The Team is to be empowered with "limits" to consult with every branch.
 - v. The Team will hold polling/listening sessions with the whole congregation (i.e. 2nd Hour sessions)
 - vi. Several others have expressed an interest in joining this team: Mark Shelton, Lynn Berard, June Goudy, Ann Feaver.
 - vii. Everything we do should work back to church's Mission Vision.
 - b. Written vision link here: [UCCP Mission-Vision-Values Covenant-based Leadership](#)

4. Sabbatical Update – Reminder that we are charged with resting. Sabbatical team has amazing offerings of events that are lined up in July, August, and September.
5. Update on Breedlove Request
 - a. DStirrat emphasized VBreedlove's love and generosity with remarkable gift to the church that has given UCCP runway to be around for many more years.
 - b. Her gift allows UCCP to have the Strategic Planning Team in place.
 - c. Three walkthroughs have occurred with three different realtors; each has amazing and wonderful ideas; proposals will be sent to BAB for review on April 27.
 - d. BAB will then engage a specific realtor for guidance and will share said process.
 - e. BAB meeting of April 4: Members agreed that UCCP does not have organizational ability to support owning property for rental or parsonage. (*BAB consent agenda item)
 - f. The congregation will make a decision regarding dispensation of property.

Items 6 & 7 BAB will engage with a realtor. This was also mentioned in #5.

8. Personnel Committee – We do not have committee members. There is a need to drum up search by including this in the newsletter. There is a document or Drive folder that describes what this committee does (HHeal/DStirrat).
9. A motion by AMartin/BAshman seconded that the UCC Council agree not to meet in person in July and August 2023. Emergency items that may arise can be dealt with via email. was accepted. Discussion ensued.
 - a. Council may have to meet in September to prepare for the October or November Congregational meeting.
 - b. BAB must continue meeting to prepare for the October or November (?) Congregational meeting.
 - c. Are there any Council members changing? Attention Nominating Committee (JTraverso (Chair), CEggers and MShelton (members)
 - d. RAbulencia – February Congregational meeting minutes need to be accepted by Council at May meeting.
 - e. DStirrat/Tom Joynt met with Petaluma City Schools superintendent M. Itturi and MFT counsellors. This is related to \$5k grant Pr. JHubband wrote, and the church received. The goal is to work with foster youth who have left foster homes and what UCCP can do to help.

**JH- Pastor's March notes – Thank you and appreciation to Marcella from Council.

*** LBerard/MVosler will attend UCC 2023 Annual Meeting in Palo Alto (June) and will send receipts to BASHMAN for reimbursement.

Next Council meeting: Thursday, May 18 in Friendship Hall at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Rowena Abulencia, Clerk

Pending Action Items 01/15/23	Owner (s)	Status (pending/in process/completed)
<p><u>Google Drive access: challenges /access/systematizing electronic documents.</u> All those not mentioned are "OK" with document access. HH BA PB AM Julie: BAB identified as the branch responsible</p>	DStirrat/JOTraverso/ "BAB"	In process
<p align="center">Action Items 03/16/23</p>		
P.Brown/CEgger/BSmith to meet and envision what the future SPT is and identify volunteers.		In process
<p align="center">Action Items 04/20/23</p>		
February Congregational meeting minutes to council for May meeting	RAbulencia	In process
Personnel Committee drive folder	DStirrat	In process
TY to Marcella	DStirrat	In process
Nominating Committee prepare for October or November Congregational Meeting (members terms changing)	(JOTraverso, CEggers, MShelton)	In process