

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 9, 2015**

I. ATTENDANCE

A copy of the Church Directory was circulated. Members confirmed that their contact information was correct and initialed the sheet to indicate their attendance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Yusko at 10:58AM, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The previously circulated Minutes of the Congregational Meeting on May 19, 2015 were approved unanimously.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Phil Juarez reported the budget in surplus of \$2K-3K as of July 31, as opposed to a projected deficit of \$7K YTD. Unbudgeted giving is well ahead of projections, and Progressive match was larger than expected. Additionally, an Organ Scholar scholarship payment of \$1.5K was received. Expenses are tracking close to budget. A balanced budget for the year is currently anticipated.

V. CAPITAL NEEDS

Phil reported that the Capital Campaign balance currently stands at \$5.5K. Relaunch of the Capital Campaign is anticipated when capital needs have been firmly identified. Major capital needs include parking lot and chimney repairs.

Technical Assurance has evaluated the condition of the chimney and recommended needed repairs for. Their conclusion is that the chimney is in need of immediate attention, with severe and increasing deterioration above 3 feet from the roof line. Estimated cost for full repairs is \$42K; truncation and repair of the chimney just above the roof line would cost approximately \$22K.

Repairs to the tree root damage in the parking lot (to address safety issues) would cost approximately \$10K-\$15K. Repairs to the full parking lot would run in the range of \$100K.

VI. MUSIC PROGRAM

Gene reported that repairs to the organ will be completed on August 20-21, to be paid with previously donated funds.

Our new Organ Scholar, beginning on September 6, will be Yu-Hsuan Lu, a recent graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music.

VII. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Gail reported that the Feedback Sessions provided many useful inputs to MLC as we plan for the future of the church.

Two local churches have indicated no interest in any sort of merger.

There will be a potluck supper the evening of August 11 to learn from the experiences of Embody Church, a UCC Faith Community in Cleveland Heights.

MLC will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Bonnie Bates, WRA/EOA Associate for Congregational Vitality and Development, to help us start the process of developing a 2-3-year strategic plan based on our best understanding of our mission as a church.

VIII. ANNUAL MEETING

The next Meeting of the Congregation will be the Annual Meeting following worship on **Sunday, December 13.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:33AM with a closing prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Christensen
Secretary of the Congregation