

**DRAFT MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
AUGUST 12, 2018**

These Draft Minutes are available to Members at  
<https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/mlc-minutes>.

**I. ATTENDANCE AND DIRECTORY**

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 Barb Holtz at 11:06AM, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Gene McAfee.

**III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on April 15, 2018 was waived, and the Minutes as previously circulated were approved without objection. The approved Minutes are available to Members at  
<https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/mlc-minutes>.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Phil Juarez presented the Treasurer's Report Summary as of the end of July. The report is available to Members at  
<https://sites.google.com/site/faithuccmembers/treasurer-s-reports>.

Highlights of the report and ensuing discussion include:

- Income Year-To\_Date (YTD) is 6% under budget, due mostly to pledged giving being 12% under budget. This is not unusual for midsummer, but needs to be watched closely.
- Employer matching gifts YTD are approximately 25% higher than budgeted.
- Expenses YTD are approximately \$3000 under budget.
- Anticipated approximate Special Repairs expenses include:
  - Social Hall roof: \$5.5K (Tile roof repair, still out for bids)
  - Outdoor lighting: \$4K, of which \$2.8K for buried wiring repair might be avoided by using solar powered driveway markers
- We continue to collect cell tower lease payments. Richmond Reserve Homeowners Association has not taken any action in the past six months or more. Attorney fees so far are less than \$1K.
- Avoiding depletion of savings has provided increased opportunities for growth in these accounts.

**V. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

- Phil reported that the "thermometer" so far registers only \$2K of the \$9K needed to close the Capital Campaign to pay back the monies taken from cash on hand last year to pay for the necessary parking lot repair and maintenance.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Barb reported that despite appearances, the "Meadow" in the parking lot is growing as expected - the native grasses and wildflowers take a couple of years to establish healthy root systems.
- Members are invited to a get acquainted coffee with our new EOA/WRA Associations Minister, Rev. Nayiri Karjian, at **11AM on Saturday, September 22**, following which we will cross Richmond Road for lunch at

the Cleveland Armenian Festival at St. Gregory of Narek  
(<http://www.thisiscleveland.com/includes/calendar-of-events/Cleveland-Armenian-Festival/30056/>)

- Pastor Gene's 15th Anniversary at Faith UCC is coming up in mid-October.
- The congregation gave a vote of thanks by acclamation to MLC and all the volunteers who keep the church running.

#### **X. CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR**

The following dates are included on a "Dates to Remember" Web page under the Calendar heading:

- **SEPTEMBER 22, 11AM:** Meet and Greet new EOA/WRA Associations Minister, Rev. Nayiri Karjian, followed by lunch at St Gregory of Narek
- **MID-OCTOBER:** Pastor Gene's 15th Anniversary at Faith UCC
- **DECEMBER 9: Annual Congregational Mtg.**
- **DECEMBER 15: Caroling**

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to the front lawn for the annual picnic at 11:33AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Christensen  
Secretary of the Congregation