

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
NORTHMINSTER CHURCH
September 15, 2019**

The regular business meeting of Northminster Church was called to order by Marilyn Decker, Chair of the Coordinating Council, at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer concerns were expressed for Welton Gaddy; Janet Dawson; Suzie Pace Koch, friend of Mara Loeb; Richard Decker; Daryl Cluck; and Jamie Grassi, whose mother passed away. Zach Helton offered a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report: Connie Smallwood presented the financial report. Please see the report for details.

Staff Report: The staff report was given by Zach Helton, who thanked everyone for support during his illness. The Daughters of Eve have had their first workshop. They are working to adapt stories of women in scripture, which they plan to present as a reader's theater. The two Sunday afternoon Talk Back tea and coffee sessions to extend discussion of the sermon topics were a success. Pam Abadie has recently joined Northminster. Appreciation was expressed for those who helped organize Covenant Sunday worship. Claire Helton spoke at the Food Bank prayer breakfast. The first Holy Envy book study was well-attended.

Marilyn Decker announced that nominations for new Coordinating Council members are open. Commissions will also be looking for new members.

Commission Reports:

Arts: There will be another meeting to discuss a possible film festival.

Education: A new youth group is being formed. It will be led by Laura Duke and Mackenzie Grassi. Jo Ann Alley will be working with the younger children, using the Godly Play curriculum. Claire Helton is also trained to teach this curriculum. While the initial outlay for this program is expensive, it is a one-time cost. Policies of the church are being reviewed in regard to abuse awareness, prevention, and response. Ministry Safe is a program which has been approved by this commission and which will provide for background checks and training for those working with children in the church.

Family Ministries: A church lunch is scheduled for September 21. There will be a fifth Sunday lunch at Jade Garden on September 25. Care groups are being reorganized. New care group leaders are needed, as well as new Family Ministry commission members. Debi Chandler's new book group will be presented for approval by this commission.

Hospitality: No Report

Missions: No Report

Outreach: No Report

Properties: The kitchen sink was stopped up but has been fixed. Coffee grounds should be put in the trash to alleviate this problem.

Stewardship: No Report

Worship: Covenant Sunday worship was planned. The commission will soon be working on Advent. The Messiah will be sung again this year. Members were reminded to let commission members know if they want to participate in worship.

Columbarium: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: The 2020 Financial Ministry Plan was presented for approval. Money has been added for security needs. A vote was taken. The budget passed.

D. H. Clark reminded members of the trip to Cuba November 6-13. There will be a celebration of Northminster's 25th anniversary of partnership with Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Roberts
Secretary