

**College Mennonite Church**  
**Minutes – Congregational Meeting**  
**November 18, 2018, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

1. **Opening:** Joe Springer read Psalm 1:3 and John 15:16, with prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes:** In Bill Clemens' absence, Joe reviewed the minutes of the August 19, 2018 congregational meeting. There were no corrections, and these minutes were approved.
3. **Action Item: Statement of appreciation and blessing for Marty Lehman**  
Joe moved on behalf of the Board, and Dan Schrock seconded this statement:

“The members of CMC offer thanks to God for the gifts of faith and ministry bestowed on Marty Lehman. We thank Marty for her faithful and generous sharing of these gifts with us during almost five years of formal ministry at CMC. Our sincere love and prayers will follow Marty as she retires from the role of Administrative Pastor. She grounded her ministry in a strong personal faith, engaged in caring relationships, applied her administrative skills, and modeled gracious acts of welcome and hospitality. We wish Marty God’s richest blessings, spiritual and physical well-being in the years ahead.”

The commendation was approved by a unanimous vote, by hand.

4. **Report on Community outreach**, after 20 weeks of ministry, by David and Madeline Maldonado (preceded by Joe reading CMC’s 3 strategic priorities adopted by CMC in 2016).
  - Madeline commended CMC for being committed to community outreach and to learning how to do it better.
  - David gave out his business cards and talked with people at Walmart: *Have you heard of Mennonites? What do you know about Mennonites?* -- Horse and buggy people. Peace people. A cult. One Walmart employee knew about Mennonites, but not where CMC is.
  - David asked people on the college campus: *Have you heard of CMC?* 60% yes, 40% no. Most didn’t know where CMC is.
  - David: Some people can’t afford citizenship, which costs \$1000. Some can’t afford decent housing. Re-entry is third local need.
  - Madeline said a three-year resident of Goshen had not heard of CMC, and said Mennonites used buggies. Madeline gave her a brochure and invited her to church.
5. **Table group discussions of community outreach.**
  - How can we change community perceptions about Mennonites?*
  - How can we gain more community exposure for CMC?*
  - How do we all participate in those efforts?*

- Mennonites do a lot of things in the community. How can we make that more visible?
- We can plan more events specifically for the community.
- The Jubilee Fund exists and is well used.
- Buggies? Move from that perception to the commonalities and differences between CMC Mennos and Old Order groups.
- Focus on the campus community where we are located.
- Always “share” Facebook posts about CMC programs, etc. with others
- Establish personal relationships first
- Invite to Wednesday evening supper and other events.
- Help with citizenship classes. Assist with needs for attorney.

**6. Other business:** No other business items were brought to the meeting.

**7. Updates by Joe:**

- [Earlier in the meeting:] Noted that David Maldonado has replaced Madeline as Vision Leadership Team representative to the Church Board.
- Copies of revised pastoral review policy/procedures available in literature racks. Board held open discussion opportunities Nov. 4. Primary changes: 4-year intervals (rather than 5) for term reviews; enhance reporting to congregation of annual reviews; move to MCUSA recommended practice (polling questions on survey forms rather than congregational votes to validate ongoing ministry). As in past, any member may request/submit survey during term review process.
- Electronic sign: Over 75% supported using current sign with electronic feature; 23% preferred existing sign without electronic sign; most would choose aesthetics over cost. The board has affirmed moving forward with this project. A fuller summary of results will be available in coming weeks.
- Student Aid Committee: Information/discussion sessions planned for early next year.

**8. Adjournment:** Joe adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Recorder: Ervin Beck

Attendance 58

Next meeting: January 27, 4 p.m.