

Metolius Friends Community Church
Meeting for Business Agenda, May 1, 2022

Preparing to Meet: Please take time to read through this packet and pray.

Opening Minute: Metolius Friends Community Church has met in regular session May 1, 2022, at ____ pm.

Review of 12/12/2021 Minutes For Approval: Jim Struck (pg. 2-4)

Elder Ministry Team Report: Jim Struck

Action Item: The Elder Ministry Team recommends the following:

- **Penney Key as a Resident Active Member by confession of faith**
- **John Wilcox as a Resident Active Member by confession of faith**
- **Sharon Wilcox as a Resident Active Member by confession of faith**

Action Item: The Elder Ministry Team recommends the following:

- **See top of page 5 for recommendations to the Nominating Ministry Team**

Nominating Ministry Team Report: Pastor Jadon

Action Item: The Nominating Ministry Team recommends the following:

- **The Nominating Ministry Team is presenting their annual nominating report to the MFCC Meeting for Business for consideration. See page 5 for all nominations.**

Christian Education Ministry Team Report: Jennifer Hatfield (pg. 6)

Women's Ministry Team Report: K'Lynn Larson

Missions Ministry Team Report: Janice Alexander (pg. 6)

Stewardship Ministry Team Report: Dean Larson (pg. 6)

Treasurer Report: Dubbie Stephens (Budget Handout)

Miscellaneous Ministry Report:

Is there anyone who would like to share a report about their specific area of ministry?

Other Business:

Associate Pastor Report: Pastor Mario

Pastor Report: Pastor Jadon

Concluding Minute: The session adjourned at _____ pm, to meet July 31, 2022 or at the call of the Clerk.

**Minutes for the Metolius Friends Community Church
Congregational Meeting for Business on December 12, 2021**

Opening Minute: Metolius Friends Church has met in regular session December 12, 2021, at 1:03 pm.

Review of 08/15/2021 Minutes for Approval: Jim Struck asked the congregation if everyone had time to review the minutes and if there were any changes that need to be made. There was a general consensus that the meeting minutes be approved.

Elder Ministry Team Report: Jim Struck reported that the Elder board, with its members being, Richard Macy, Gordon Wood, Michelle Quinn, K'Lynn Larson, Presiding Clerk Jim Struck and Pastors, Jadon Ross and Mario Mendoza have been meeting twice a month.

The fall was very busy with these items:

- The hiring of Mario Mendoza as Associate Pastor and Jade Mendoza as Worship leader.
- Starting a Wednesday night Bible study and supper
- Bend Friends Church
- Youth Group planning
- Budgets and Evaluations
- Elder training from the Elder handbook

Currently working on these items:

- Planning and organizing Small home groups for the New Year, in addition to the Wednesday evening Supper & Study.
- Safety committee items. Need someone from congregation to lead this.
- Dreams and goals for 2022
- Continuing to pray for and making decisions for Bend Friends
- Our youth program
- Elder training from the Elder handbook and Faith and Practice.

Psalm 84:10

Better is one day in your presence than a thousand elsewhere. It is an honor and a privilege for the Elders to serve this congregation. Thank you.

Nominating Ministry Team Report provided by Pastor Jadon Ross: the Nominating Ministry Team their recommendations are followed:

Proposed new appointments (terms begin when approved unless otherwise noted):

1. Cindy Struck (2023) for service on the Christian Education Ministry Team replacing an open position

Current Open Positions:

- 1.BLANK (2024) for service on the Elder Ministry Team
- 2.BLANK (2024) for service on the Elder Ministry Team
- 3.BLANK (2022) for service on the Nominating Ministry Team

Jadon asked the congregation if there were any concerns and if we agree to Cindy being nominated to the Christian Education Ministry Team. Everyone agreed to the proposed term for Cindy Struck to serve on the Christian Education Ministry Team.

Bend Friends Church Report: was provided by Pastor Jadon Ross he stated that Bend Friends began services on August 29 at the home of John & Rachel Baker and had 27 in attendance. Over the course of the next 6 weeks, we saw new people come through, and we began to pray about a larger place to gather. God provided Kevista Coffee Shop for our new location, and we moved services there beginning on October 17, 2021. That first Sunday we had over 40 in attendance with a good group from Metolius coming down to support the Church plant. Over the course of the last month and half there has been a core group of BFC folks that are committed to Jesus and to the plant. We are praying about next steps in discipleship, leadership training, continuing to get the word out about BFC, and more. Please continue to pray for BFC

Christian Education Ministry Team Report: Audrey Ross noted that we've held a couple of Parent's Night Out events (Oct. & Dec.). Children's Church is going well, and the new curriculum has been a good fit. We are planning and preparing for the Christmas Programs happening next week, and the kids are really excited. Christian Ed is needing some more volunteers to help with Children's Church so that we can split it into 2 age groups. We'd also love to see more help with the Youth Group age kids.

Women's Ministry Team Report: Audrey Ross provided the report for the Women's Ministry Team. Members are: K'Lynn Larson, Audrey Ross, Jennifer Hatfield, Augusta Davis and Kim Macy. We started Revelation women's bible studies in September. Wednesday morning group is led by Audrey Ross and have had many fun outings. Wednesday evening group led by Augusta Davis. Close to 30 women combined attending the study. We had 8 women attend the Friends Women's retreat in October at Twin Rocks. We had a movie night at the church. The Christmas sock exchange party went well with over 30 in attendance! We are busy planning our women's retreat at Ochoco Christian Conference Center Feb.25-27! Working on a birthday party dessert event. Planning a Supper 6 night and launched a "Faithful Friends" mentor program for the ladies. This turned out to be a learning process! We didn't do it justice and will revisit this soon.

Missions Ministry Team Report provided by Gordon Wood: Our church currently supports two missionary families. Lance and Megan Roberts have served in the Ukraine for approximately 10 years. This past year they have been on sabbatical at Discovery Bay Washington at the YWAM Campus. Their sabbatical has ended, and they were to return to the Ukraine in two months. This does not look promising, however, because of the predicted invasion by Russia. They thank all of us for our continued support during this time. Elizabeth Todd arrived in Jerusalem in November as a friend of Jesus and is living there. She says, "I still don't feel at home in this big city with its swirling undercurrents. But I find that the divine light studies me when, more than anything, the people of this restless city need a person of peace to walk among them. She has started her classes and they are going well. She also has a bicycle and can get around easier. She appreciates our prayers and support as she continues to be a light alongside the those she encounters. Money raised from past Valentine's fundraisers will be given to Evangelical Friends Mission to use for missionary support since we don't have any future Mexico missions planned at this time. The amount of \$3500 will be used by EFM to support different missionary projects.

Stewardship Ministry Team Report provided by Pastor Jadon: Stewards members include Dan Quinn, Elaine Henderson, Andrew Mesquita, Ron Cummings, John Wilcox, Dean Larson, and Dubbie Stevens – Treasurer.

- 2021 building improvements include sidewalk replacement, two new furnaces (two of the three were original), Parsonage carpet and flooring, security cameras purchased to support the Elders safety initiative, trauma and first aid kits installed. We had a property survey completed along with smaller projects and improvements. We were faced with an unexpected loss earlier this year with Sharon Brackett's passing. We lost a friend and a treasurer. With a lot of hard work and Dubbie's willingness to step up as treasurer, we were able to complete the transition. We had a successful and well attended workday in October. Perry and Andrew from the Stewards provided a special barbeque lunch to the 25-30 "workers". We hung new blinds, spread 4 loads of gravel, stained the deck and fence at the parsonage, and did miscellaneous cleanup projects inside and out. Dan Quinn identified and removed a wasp nest from the compost pile.

Stewards are working on an online giving program we are anticipating it will be rolled out to the congregation in January. The stewards worked with individual committees to finalize a 2022 budget. Most lines items are consistent with 2021 but do factor in inflation and those anticipated increases. The 2022 budget reflects the additions of a worship leader, associate pastor, and support for Bend Friends.

The stewards want to say thank you to our congregation. Thank you for the faithful giving of your financial resources. Thank you for the many volunteer hours which our congregation gave over this past year, much of it behind the scenes, to expand the Kingdom in Central Oregon and beyond.

Action Item: The Stewardship Ministry Team recommends the following:

- **To approve the 2022 Budget**

There was a group discussion about the budget to include fine tuning some of the line items and fixing a few errors. There was a group consensus to approve the 2022 Budget.

Treasurer Report: Dubbie Stephens noted that they are working on the Christian Education budget and that there were some additional line items added in other areas.

Associate Pastor Report: Mario Mendoza gave his associate Pastor report. He has been meeting with different folks in Bend making connections through BFC. At Metolius, He's been coming and helping with the Supper & Study, doing a funeral for a family in Madras, and will be helping with Small Groups. He's going to be an advisor for Madras Cross Country & Track and helping lead events for the Madras Runners Club. I dream of a Church that can do both discipleship and outreach simultaneously so that they can be carry the message everywhere they go.

Pastor Report: Pastor Jadon Ross noted this has been a season of growth in the life of our Church. We have given birth to a new baby Church, Bend Friends. We have brought on additional staff members. We have seen our attendance and giving grow over the course of the last few months. (Thanks to each of you for your faithful giving!) We have seen people growing deeper in their relationship with Jesus, living by the Holy Spirit. And with growth comes growing pains, increased responsibilities, and an enemy that doesn't want to see us continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus in Central Oregon. We must keep on relying on Christ and the Holy Spirit to lead, empower, discipline, and guide us! As we read in Hebrews and as God keeps bringing back to me, "We are not of those who shrink back!"

Concluding Minute: The session adjourned at 1:54 pm, to meet April 10, 2022, or at the call of the Clerk.

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Quinn

MFCC Annual Nominating Reports
For 5.01.2022 MFCC Meeting for Business Consideration

**The Elder Ministry Team recommends the following candidates for service:
(terms begin July 1, 2022, unless otherwise noted and terms end June 30 of the year listed):**

1. Proposed term renewal: Janice Alexander (2025) continuing on the Nominating Ministry Team
2. New term: Dean Larson (2025) for service on the Nominating Ministry Team
3. New term: Cindy Struck (2024) for service on the Nominating Ministry Team

**The Nominating Ministry Team recommends the following candidates for service:
Proposed new appointments (terms begin July 1, 2022, unless otherwise noted):**

1. Michele Quinn (2023) for service as the Recording Clerk replacing Jennifer Hatfield
2. Jennifer Hatfield (2023) for service as the Assistant Recording Clerk replacing Tanya Canaday
3. John Wilcox (2023) for service as the Assistant Treasurer replacing Chuck Alexander
4. Dave Bergstrom (2025) for service on the Stewardship Ministry Team replacing Elaine Henderson
5. Jack Boedigheimer (2024) for service on the Stewardship Ministry Team replacing Ron Cummings
6. John Wilcox (2025) for service as a Trustee replacing Elaine Henderson
7. Amy Shank (2025) for service on the Christian Education Ministry Team replacing an open position
8. Crystal Ough (2024) for service on the Christian Education Ministry Team replacing Krystin Barany
9. Jessica Longworth (2023) for service on the Christian Education Ministry Team replacing Augusta Davis
10. Jim Sanders (2024) for service on the Ushers/Greeters Ministry Team replacing an open position
11. Darr McClure (2024) for service on the Ushers/Greeters Ministry Team replacing an open position
12. Kim McClure (2024) for service on the Ushers/Greeters Ministry Team replacing an open position
13. Norma Bergstrom (2024) for service on the Hospitality Ministry Team replacing an open position
14. Barb Boedigheimer (2024) for service on the Hospitality Ministry Team replacing an open position
15. Lonn Swanson (2024) for service on the Heart Fund Ministry Team replacing an open position

Proposed term renewals/continuing service (current term expires June 30, 2020):

1. Jim Struck (2023) continuing as the Presiding Clerk
2. Chuck Alexander (2023) for service as the Assistant Presiding Clerk
3. Dubbie Stephens (2023) continuing as the Treasurer
4. Teren Wood (2023) continuing as the Statistician
5. Michele Quinn (2025) continuing on the Elder Ministry Team
6. Audrey Ross (2025) continuing on the Christian Education Ministry Team
7. Ashley Leasy (2025) continuing on the Christian Education Ministry Team
8. Chuck Alexander (2025) continuing on the Missions Ministry Team
9. Augusta Davis (2024) continuing on as a Northwest Yearly Meeting Representative
10. Audrey Ross (2024) continuing on as a Northwest Yearly Meeting Representative Alternate
11. Milne Macy (2023) continuing on the Hospitality Ministry Team
12. Augusta Davis (2023) continuing on the Hospitality Ministry Team
13. Juanita Hawkins (2023) continuing on the Hospitality Ministry Team
14. Dan Quinn (2023) continuing on the Usher Ministry Team
15. John Wilcox (2023) continuing on the Usher Ministry Team
16. Andrew Mesquita (2023) continuing on the Usher Ministry Team
17. Marilyn Lancaster (2023) continuing on the Heart Fund Ministry Team
18. Gordon Wood (2023) continuing on the Heart Fund Ministry Team

Christian Education Ministry Team Highlights

We have been blessed with an abundance of children attending children's church and in the nursery. With weekly numbers in the high 20's we decided to break children's church into two groups starting April 10. Our levels are 3 year olds to kindergarten/1st grade and 2nd grade through 5th grade. It is working well. Nursery is averaging 6-12 children. The older nursery children are loving going to the new class. We are grateful for our volunteers and love the new families coming in.

This last Sunday we had 26 in the older group. Our biggest challenge is finding enough help to run both groups. The younger group is starting a study on creation and will go through the old testament. The older group is finishing up the life of Christ and his disciples ministries then will start into a study on the Armor of God. We will have a full fledged study of the Armor of God with knights and castles for VBS July 26-29.

Youth group is meeting every other Sunday evening and are currently studying Job. They have a meal, read scripture, the youth ask questions to direct the conversation, then end the evening with games outside. They average 9 youth attending.

Jennifer Hatfield, Clerk

Missions Ministry Team Report

The missions committee met April 4. We have decided that we will have January be missions month with a potluck and have foods from different countries where our missionaries are serving. We have decided to send \$1000 to EFM to help with the purchase of a motorbike in Nepal.

Teren will print 10 to 15 copies of the Jesus Passion, Our Passion prayer booklets for holy week. They will be available for any interested members of the congregation.

We will try to have a missionary moment each month throughout the year and Elizabeth Todd will be here in June and share during the service on the 12th. As we are not planning any mission trips in the near future we will not be having a fundraising dinner at this time.

Janice Alexander, Clerk

Stewardship Ministry Team Highlights

Jim Struck has volunteered to take on the church yard maintenance this year

We have had an initial conversation regarding church capacity. Attendance is growing and options need to be discussed for the future

Giving has been strong and we are seeing increased usage of our on-line giving option

The Hispanic church asked to use our church a couple of Saturdays a month for their youth group. This was approved

Dean Larson, Clerk