

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – TIBURON BELVEDERE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2024

In Attendance: Diane Suffridge, Jess Shine, Adelena Rodrigez, Gail Lester

Absent: Reuben Burke, Barbara George, Lisa Bogart, Caroline McKinnon

The meeting began at 5:00PM

Rev Jess opened with a meditation.

Standing Agenda Items

Minutes from August meeting

Approval of the minutes for August were deferred due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

The YTD budget report was sent by email, and there were no issues for discussion.

Minister's report & Staff reports

- Minister and Staff reports were sent by email. Two proposed events mentioned in the minister's report were discussed. An electronic vote will be held on the proposal for a community dance event in October, due to a lack of quorum in the meeting to hold a vote. Discussion will be deferred until October on another proposed event.

- Rev Jess reported that Elizabeth Rivers' series "Befriending Death" in the 8:30 service has been well attended. October 6 will be the last in that series. A Blessing of the Animals is planned for October 13 in the 10:00 service.

- Rev Jess reported being asked by Rev. Floyd Tompkins of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church in Marin City to moderate a candidate forum for Tam School District school board candidates on October 10. Rev. Tompkins has asked that CCC co-sponsor the event, which would not require a financial contribution but would lend our support to this community forum. An electronic vote will be held on this issue.

- A Hawthorne Preschool parent has requested to hold a child's birthday party at CCC on Sunday, October 20. The Board discussed a number of issues related to this request and agreed that we want to limit the use of our space to weddings or events that have a religious or spiritual focus. Rev Jess will inform Christina of this Board decision.

New Items for Discussion

- Plans for the monthly Board update to the congregation on the second Sunday were made. Gail is available on October 13 for the next update. The minutes will be posted on the website ahead of time.

- The issue of spider remediation was discussed. Adelena has agreed to do further research on this issue with another Board member, yet to be determined. They will talk with Michael Peters

and Hector Dardon as well as doing research on different approaches. They will then develop a proposal for consideration by the Board that involves balancing the dual purposes of minimizing harm to spiders and maintaining the appearance of our campus as free of infestation.

- The date of the November Board meeting was discussed, since the 4th Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day, and November 21 was identified as an alternative date. The December meeting will be held in person on a date to be determined, with the goal of having time to socialize and share with each other.
- A request was made for Board members to rotate the duties of Recorder for upcoming months. Gail agreed to record minutes for October and November, and Adelena agreed to record minutes for January through March. If there is a business meeting in December, someone will be identified to record minutes for that meeting; however, it is planned to be primarily social.
- Jess's one-year anniversary on October 1 was acknowledged, and a discussion was held about having a celebration after the 10:00 service on Sunday, October 6. Adelena agreed to work with the kitchen angels to coordinate refreshments, and Gail offered to assist.

Closing

Rev. Jess closed with a blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM

The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The next meetings are scheduled for October 24 and November 21.

Note: After the Board meeting, two electronic votes were held and passed for the following proposals: 1) co-sponsorship of a candidate forum for Tam School District school board candidates on October 10, moderated by Rev Jess; and 2) a community dance event on October 25 at CCC with a maximum cost of \$1300 for dance instruction, audio-visual, and food/drink.