

**Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ
Governance Council Meeting, July 11, 2018**

Present: Trey Holloway (Moderator), Mary Grossnick, Mary Hallward-Driemeier, D. Lee Alekel, Lori Mosher, Jeanine Derr

Ex-Officio: Tim Tutt (Senior Minister)

Absent: Casey Fannon, Lisa Choate (Moderator Elect)

Guests: David Bennett, Kaeley McEvoy (via phone)

Trey Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm in the Library.

Building 2020 Update

The amount of the original contract was \$1,736,584.77; as of 6/30/18 what we've committed to is \$1,798,950.90 with change orders. Contractor reports they are 49% complete. The Governance Council reviewed change orders. Discussed in detail the new fire hydrant by church driveway apron change order and possible alternatives (such as adding sprinklers to the entire building and having church members go in to talk with the county). David Bennett will get additional info on the option of adding sprinklers to the entire building. Trey will speak with some church members about approaching the county.

David asked about the potential cell contract to ensure we have enough space for the equipment and can accommodate power needs. Trey to share drawings from cell company with David when he receives them.

Introduction to Kaeley McEvoy

Kaeley will begin August 1 as a full-time staff member with benefits. She will be responsible for Congregational Care, Youth, and Volunteer Corps. Her title is a work in progress. Governance Council called Kaeley to welcome her, make introductions, and brainstorm how we introduce Kaeley to the congregation.

Review and Approval of Minutes (June, 2018)

Defer approval of minutes until September meeting to ensure updates sent to Jan were incorporated.

Sprint Lease Proposal

Trey continues to be in conversations with Sprint about the lease proposal. They are to send drawings soon.

Stewardship

Four sessions held so far. Decided the final summary session should take big ideas identified and start to connect them to financial stewardship (Tim to send suggestions and Lee, Lori, and Trey to facilitate). Optional governance council meeting in August to discuss next steps. Meeting date to be decided via email.

Tim closed our meeting in prayer at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Mosher