

The Church Board of the First Christian Church of Edmond, OK  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2014

**Call to Order:** Larry Ball called the meeting to order and Don Weichmann opened with prayer.

**Board Members Present:** Larry Ball, Bruce Jackson, Dana Shadid, Don Weichmann, Brian Cain, Shawn Roberts, Brian Kilpatrick, Brian Haley, James Larrison, Jennifer Cain, Terry Kerr, Russell and Sherry Kious, Marcia Tunison, Dian and Jim Sill, Carol Schwabe, Deneen Gambrell, Kyle Vazquez, Craig Adkins, James Kerr, Frank Gresh, Billy Harrison

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Quade, Carla Felix, Sherrye VanOsdol, Linda Quade, Gwen Shaw, Crystal Vazquez

**Staff Members Present:** Chris Shorow, Jerry Black, Diane Ball, Jeremy Miller, Karla Mahan, Amy Roberts, Mark Taylor

**Others in Attendance:** Leah Johns, Robbi Kinnaird, Marcy Williams

**Determination of Quorum:** A quorum was met with 21 Board members present out of 27 valid positions.

**Mission:** Larry Ball shared a message toward our mission: "We are just a little tiny flicker of a much larger flame that is Life itself, Consciousness itself, Being itself, Love itself, God's very self." *Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations*

**The Hub:** The hub has a new look, but runs just the same. Larry gave a brief overview. Get to know it!

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved for October 2014 with no corrections.

**Ministry Updates:**

- Elders – No report
- Deacons – No report
- Administration – No report
- Child Care Center – No report
- Communications – No report
- Education – Verbal report
- Evangelism – No report
- Membership – No report
- Outreach – Verbal report
- Personnel – No report
- Spiritual – No report
- Stewardship – Verbal report

**Old Business:**

- **Implementation Team Update** – No report
- **Update on Sense of the Assembly Resolution Task Force** – Larry reported registration has begun for the July General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Money has been allocated to send up to 14 members with a stipend of \$700 per person to cover entry fee and some travel costs. Hoping this assistance will encourage attendance for church member involvement and provide voting members for the Sense of the Assembly Resolution vote on doing away with voting. Chris stated more could attend; the stipend is only for the first 14 requests. Others attending will be eligible to vote.
- **Building Committee:** Report moved to follow Budget presentation.

**New Business:**

- **Recommendation of Personnel re: second minister hire:** Craig Adkins reported that our Strategic Plan shows the church requiring four full-time ordained ministers at this time and fortunately, during the Executive Minister search process, an additional candidate was located that fits the profile of our needs. Personnel recommends that if funds are available, this candidate should be called to ministry at First Christian. Following a brief review of her profile, Larry called for a delay of a vote until following Budget presentation.
- **Review of 2015 Budget:** Billy Harrison reviewed the process to reach the budget income figure, carry forward amount and budget totals along with a discussion of savings, endowments and designated funds to disclose current liquidity. The 2015 Budget, which includes funds to hire both ministers – John Regan beginning in January and additional minister in April, was presented for recommendation. *Frank Gresh made the motion to recommend the 2015 Budget as presented; Russell Kious offered the second. Karla stated the numbers could adjust as additional pledges are received. The motion was amended to recommend the 2015 Budget in its fluid state. Discussion was held on the amount carry forward increased each year. Motion was approved.*
- **Recommendation of Personnel re: second minister hire:** *Personnel recommends the hiring of the previously presented candidate beginning second quarter 2015. Jim Sill offered the second. Motion was approved.*
- **Building Committee Report:** Robbi Kinnaird reported committee continues to meet, view other churches, spoken with ministries and gather input for the Master Plan process. One of the recommendations from the Architectural Assessment Task Force is to improve acoustics in the FLC; therefore, the *Building Committee recommends authorizing Kerr3 Design Group to contract out an acoustical review of the Family Life Center for a cost no greater than \$1,000 to be paid from the Building Fund. Don Weichmann offered the second. Frank Gresh requested to have some member of the tech staff present at the review. Motion was approved.*

With the increase of staff and the need for office space, *the Building Committee recommends hiring Red Sky Construction to build out room 125 into two offices, which will be used by ministerial staff, at a cost not greater than \$18,000. The construction will be completed by year-end 2014. Brian Cain offered the second. Discussion was held on the timing and that Red Sky will be doing this project at cost. Funds will come from the current Building Fund. Motion was approved.*

- **Nominating:** Bruce Jackson reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee and the slate of new leaders for 2015.
- **Other:** Brian Cain, Jerry Black and Larry Griffin reported that through consulting with volunteer security and law enforcement, a stronger security presence is needed at the church. Other churches are moving toward a police presence during busy events. The current budget allocates \$7,500 for security, which is enough to hire an off-duty police officer for Wednesday evenings, but not Sunday. *Dana Shadid made the motion to follow the recommendation of the Security Committee and hire a police presence for both Sunday, Wednesday night and other events as needed. Brian Haley offered the second. Discussion was held with Frank Gresh recommending we do both, which will get us through the first half of the year, at which time we review. Brian Cain stated contracts are usually on a yearly basis, but will see if a six-month contract is available. It was questioned whether we truly have a need and how it would look to visitors to have uniformed police in the entry. The motion was restated with the understanding that Finance will decide how to fund once Security funds are depleted. Motion was approved.*

Budget to be presented to the Congregation at the Unified Service on December 28<sup>th</sup> and will be released for review as outlined in the church Constitution and By-laws.

**Reports by Ministers and Staff:** Verbal reports

Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:18pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbi Kinnaird