

## 2023.02.02 Committee of the Whole/LC Meeting

Sanctuary UCC Annual Meeting voted to implement a [Committee of the Whole Model of Governance](#); wherein all members and partners of Sanctuary UCC are now "elected" to do the work of the Leadership Circle. Here is the Mission and Ministry Plan that will guide that work this year: [2022.2023 Mission and Ministry Plan](#).

Minutes from previous meetings. [Ministry Meeting Minutes Archive](#)

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### **Agenda/Minutes**

**In attendance:** Terri Bracy, Branwen Cook, Julie Roberts, Erin Sennott, Liz Douglass, Ben Jacques, Becky Jacques, Paul Roberts, Gini Berthiaume, Fralean Curtis, Ray Santiago, Rev. Wendy (12)

1. **Opening Circle and Prayer** - *How are you arriving, what do you hope to get from our time together?*
2. **Reviwordew Agenda - Call for any additional agenda items from Committee of the Whole**
3. **Reports**
  - a. [2023.01.05 Meeting Minutes](#) - Liz Moves to accept the min; branwen - **unanimous**
  - b. [2023.01.20 E-Vote Regarding Lease](#), Terri accept, Fralen second - unanimous
  - c. Treasurer Report: tabled
4. **Agenda Action Items**
  - a. Sanctuary 2023 Discernment Process
    - i. Core Team (to date): Rev. Wendy, Christy Miller, Terri Bracy, Tom Gerstenlauer; w/Tom Hathaway review
    - ii. All content to date is on medfordchurch.org website. [2023 Sanctuary Discernment Process and Phase I invitation, access to survey](#)
    - iii. Update on Implementation Schedule;
      1. initial deadline 1/29 for Sanctuary members
      2. We were ambitious about a time line, adjusting andmindfu of the goal to get to discernment
    - iv. Status of Survey Responses
      1. Current status 10 responses - Sanctuary
    - v. Feedback
      1. Being able to talk to someone helped
      2. Not sure that it got to it -
      3. There will be more opportunity to discern over the information gleaned
      4. Good to have a interview, and someone that confirmed my intent
  - b. Use/Lease of 458 High Street:

- i. 2023.03.01 5 year lease w/6 month cancellation after 1 year @ 2200.00
  - ii. Art and Film Series beginning Feb 10
  - iii. Pending - Request from Lakota Youth Stay to use space in July for art show (Erin Sennott and Sue D'Arcy Fuller); caution that expectations are clear
- c. Sanctuary Storefront Sign Grant - approval finalized by city, implementation in process
- d. Sanctuary Projector temporary options
  - i. TV in place - needs to be moved for Art shows.
  - ii. Need to Implement Borrowed Projector - but...
- e. Elect officers - tabled to next meeting
  - i. Any one called to step into Moderator? Vice Moderator, Clerk -
  - ii. ? What are the roles of these officers ? See [Bylaws Here](#)
  - iii. In dialogue wih staff - plan the agenda, etc.
  - iv. People want to support, but do not have capacity
  - v. Just checking that we are not in a place to
  - vi. Not having a moderator is information
- f. Pastor Salary Treatment - pending review of the remainder of the benefit package (tabled until next meeting)

## 5. Ministry Updates from lead pastor

- a. [Am2pm Youth Leadership and Community Service](#)
  - i. HS - (1) 7 day Program: preparing to be peer mentors and community coaches
  - ii. MS - (2) 10 day programs; learning about life, service, systems
  - iii. Planning the program content and experiences
  - iv. Hiring Project Director
  - v. Beginning the recruitment process for participants
  - vi. Seeking additional Grant opportunities
- b. OWL
  - i. Gr. 8-9 @ Week 14/18 weeks, 16 participants)
  - ii. Gr. 5-6 @ Week 1/10, 14 participants)
- c. [Arts and Inspiration Series - "IAmMigration"](#) - Webpage about theme and events currently scheduled)
  - i. Gallery
    - 1. Feb/March - Peter Balentine - City of God - Feb 10 Reception and ArtChurch experience
    - 2. April/May - Call for Migration Stories/Art from the community (this is you too!)
    - 3. June/July - Call for Mixed Media - art from Malden Immigrant Learning Center maybe RIM
    - 4. Lakota Youth Stay Youth Show (to be determined)
  - ii. Faith and Film
    - 1. March 3 - The Swimmers
    - 2. Ideas - Belfast,

- iii. Hands on Art
  - 1. (3rd) SoulCollage - Feb 04 - 8 participants(so far)
  - 2. What would you like to experience?
- iv. Pending - Planning with Arts Team
  - 1. Lenten circles on theme (no prep, just show up and be in spiritual circle)
  - 2. Poetry circle - writers workshop
  - 3. Spoken Word
  - 4. Worship on the theme - Good Friday
- d. Worship/Formation
  - i. Sunday - Gospel of John -“Hope Lives”: through Lent/Easter);
    - 1. 25-30 onite, 10-15 online; Guests weekly, some coming back - esp. target of solo singles from Hillside neighborhood
  - ii. Messy Church - 4- 8 weekly
  - iii. Interfaith Black History Month Gathering - tbd
  - iv. Ashes to Go (Feb 22)
  - v. Holy Week - what do you want for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday?
- e. Community Meals (Mar 05, Apr 02, May 07, Jun 11 (Youth and Picnic)
- f. Outdoor Church Mission - Davis Square Pending
- g. BOL - Feb 08/09, Apr 12/13, Jun 14/15 (etc. second wed/thur of even numbered months)

**6. Review day/schedule/time going forward for the Comm of the Whole meeting.**

- a. Next meeting date, March 02 (5 - 6:30)
- b. Additional Discernment (Visioning) Process Meetings - to be determined