

2023.05.03 (May) 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: Christy Miller, Ray Santiago, Paul Roberts, Liz Douglass, Ben Jacques, Terri Bracy, Branwen Cook, Julie Robert, Wendy Miller Olapade

Opening Circle and Prayer -

- 1. Review Agenda - We will not call for any additional agenda items from Committee of the Whole to focus on Discernment Process**
 - a. Motion to table items 1 - 4; Branwen, Ray second - unanimous
- 2. Reports - Tabled all reports until next meeting**
- 3. Agenda Action Items - Tabled**
 - a. Stewardship
 - b. Parsonage
 - c. Who decides who can use the space?
 - d. Use of 458 High Street
 - e. Sanctuary Projector/Smart TV
 - f. Elect officers - Vice Moderator, Clerk - [Bylaws Here](#)
 - g. Pastor Salary Treatment - pending review of the remainder of the benefit package (tabled until next meeting)
- 4. Ministry Updates from lead pastor - Tabled**
- 5. Next meeting date, May 17 (7 - 8:00pm); and First Wednesday of the month going forward.**
- 6. Sanctuary 2023 Discernment Process (Recording of zoom meeting begins here)**
 - a. Sanctuary Discernment Core Team has processed the survey and interview responses of (17) members and (27) Community Partners/Program Participants; and has developed "Options for Sanctuary's Future" to present to this LC/All Hands Meeting.
 - b. Christy & Wendy - [Presentation of Discernment Team Process and Proposals](#)
 - c. Discussion - LC/AllHands Recommendation to Congregation
 - i. Branwen - appreciate, think we are on to something, a lot of trust in the relationship, think the issues can be worked out, all for going forward

- ii. Ray - will we keep the space storefront?
- iii. WMO:: Presumption is that we would save money by closing storefront, but much would need to be considered re: impact of closure, space to meet, store, offices, programs currently proposed for ARPA Grant money that presumed use of storefront. Wouldn't close overnight(lease and process) so some time to see if there is a path to sustainability of the space,
- iv. Paul - thanks for the work, sifting and sorting, would like to see the details
- v. WMO: all the details will be sent out in the next day or two
- vi. Paul ? - wonders what Hillside leadership thinks they would be getting; and what would we get? They don't seem as strong as I thought they were, affects of pandemic...
- vii. WMO: See list of hillside Strengths on the "Tension page" (9); and there are a lot of new, younger people coming and staying, volunteering for things like coffee hour, meals, etc.
- viii. Ray - really think together would be stronger; Sunday morning feels like we are one unit - really getting along
- ix. Ben - Storefront Gallery Space is really important - the Vibe, can we do something more for certain types of connection ; how people come into the space - helps with non christian and non believers; storefront space
- x. Wendy - we would have to find ways to make the storefront self sustaining.
- xi. Terri - agree with all of it, but want to highlight concerns of parking at Hillside, no place for office space for Wendy and other staff. Would like to keep storefront until we see if we can make it sustainable?
- xii. Julie - disappointed that Hillside don't participate in Sanctuary things; how would that change?
- xiii. Paul - what about the option of closing? Are the people who are left able to sustain and support the merger model? Paul notes that people have voted with their feet (they are not here, and not supporting) and while not voting, we might consider their absence a "vote" for release or how we consider this.
- xiv. Christy - fundraising and grant can buy people, merger adds resource, reducing the lift of programs helps with capacity.
- xv. No decision made tonight - but this is the group that decides. This body and discernment process was voted by LC as being the annual visioning meeting (process)
- d. Schedule next steps
 - i. Wendy will send details, recording, and documents to all members/friends
 - ii. Members will read and reflect - and return to next meeting ready for discernment
 - iii. Add - additional Committee of the Whole/All Hands Meeting - May 17 (7 PM); will discern a model for mission and ministry for which we will build a budget and mission and ministry plan for 2023.2024 - to bring to congregational meeting before end of June

- iv. Cogregational Business Meeting (date to be determined)
- v. Annual Report - assignments: