

2024.09.03 Committee of the Whole (LC) All Hands Meeting (Sept)

- Minutes from previous meetings. [Ministry Meeting Minutes Archive](#)
- [Join Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 825 8167 0394, Passcode: 487224, by phone: 309.205.3325 US
- **In attendance:** Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, Paul Roberts, Ben Jacques, Becky Jacques, Aaron Olapade, Erin Sennott

1. **Recruit Meeting Clerk** - Aaron

2. **Opening Prayer** - Wendy

3. **Clerk's Report**

- a. Meeting Minutes - [2024.06.11 All Hands Meeting](#)
 - Ben Jacques motions to approve meeting minutes by declaration, Becky Jacques seconds
 - The vote went to a vote; all members voted in favor

4. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. [2024.09.03 Budget Versus Actuals](#) provided for review
- b. Closing of 2024 Books and Audit - Pending Return of Alison Hughes from family tragedy
- c. Motion to correct 1500.00 error in Budget Proposal Math - actual budget is 294,888.78 versus 293,388.78 as voted on in Annual Meeting. Correct amount is indicated in the QB report above and needs to be adjusted in our records.
 - Paul Roberts motions to amend the error amount listed, Ben Jacques seconds
 - The motion went to a vote; all members voted in favor

5. **Staff Updates** - Tabled

- a. WMO Sabbatical - begin to plan in August or September
- b. Charmaine - in dialogue about the future

6. **Note for meeting minutes - July and August All Hands Meetings Canceled**

7. **Ministry Updates**

- a. Summer Projects
 - i. Worship Growth Through the Summer!! 41 people for breakfast church
 - ii. Art Partnerships: Film - Medford for Palestine (100) people for Olive Trees Weep; (3) Art & Soul Circles from 10 to 25 participants
 - iii. Pop-Up Veggie and Fruit Pantry - serving 20 - 40 people weekly
- b. Worship
 - i. Rally Sunday, Backpack Blessing, Finn's Baptism, Goodbye Stephanie/Luke & Potluck BBQ - 9/8
 - ii. (4) Sermon Series - Good Work, Enough is Enough, Don't be that Guy, Advent/Christmas
- c. Ministries: Sept through December Handout will be provided on Rally Sunday for all Social, Spiritual, Service, Art, and Film Events - [Draft Calendar of same here](#)

8. **Merger**

- a. Don Remick Summary to date: Overall, from all the meetings we've held the most affirmation is for the warmth, welcoming inclusiveness, hospitality and progressive nature of the church. People like the innovation and informality of the church. Folks appreciate the differing styles of the pastors; particularly their humor, openness, warmth and energy. The styles are seen as complimentary with some concerns named as to whether this complementarity could break down at some point. And, as you would expect, there are a variety of reactions to elements of the different styles. While folks will speak of the outward missions and ministries of the church with affirmation, pride and gratitude, this is not usually the first thing listed.
 - b. Don Remick 2024.07.11 Focus Group of (6) New Folk: "It would come as no surprise that these folks who are new to the church are both astute and very fond of the church and its pastors."
 - i. [Report/Details here](#)
 - ii. [Video Recording here](#)
 - c. Don Remick Proposes that we Schedule Next steps: *The defining and articulating of this new church that is emerging.*
 - d. **Action Step:** Erin Sennott will get in touch with Merrie Allen (Hillside Moderator) and ask where they are with process and propose they work on next steps. May collaborate with Terii Bracy on same.
9. **[Sanctuary UCC Relocation Planning](#) - reviewed what has happened to date (see spread sheet linked here. Follow up with:**
- a. Recruit Implementation Team and vendors for departure
 - b. How/where do we "operate" after December
 - c. Aaron Olapade will continue research costs and options for storage and workspace possibilities