

**Minutes of the MCCDC Board of Directors  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

**Members Present:** Rev. Dwayne Johnson, Fenicia Ballard (by phone), Kathleen Carey, Dave Jenkins (by phone), Mark Kornmann, John Merriwether, Knut Panknin

**Guests Present:** Rev. Cathy Alexander, Jim Garner, Lance Jameson

**I. Song/Scripture**

The Board had decided at its orientation meeting for the New Year that for each BoD meeting, one member would share a song and another member a scripture passage to better focus on the spiritual foundation of our work. Mark shared the song “Heavy Load” by the Jackson Southernaires and Fenicia shared the following scripture: 1. Thessalonians 5, 18. For the February meeting, Knut will share scripture and John will share a song.

**II. Call to Order/Opening Prayer**

Rev. Dwayne called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He opened the meeting in prayer.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Rev. Dwayne asked to move the Treasurer’s report up on the agenda, and Knut said that there was no written December meeting report available.

Knut moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Kathleen and was approved unanimously.

**IV. Election of 2016 Officers**

Fenicia nominated Mark Kornmann as Vice Moderator, Kathleen seconded. Mark accepted the nomination and was confirmed by majority vote.

Mark nominated Knut Panknin as Clerk, Kathleen seconded. Knut accepted the nomination and was confirmed by majority vote.

Knut nominated Kathleen Carey as Vice-Clerk, Mark seconded. Kathleen did not accept the nomination and the election for this position was postponed.

Fencia nominated Dave Jenkins as Treasurer and Dave did not accept. He nominated John Merriwether instead and Mark seconded. John accepted the nomination and was confirmed as Treasurer by majority vote.

Fencia nominated Dave Jenkins as Assistant Treasurer, Mark seconded. Dave accepted the nomination and was confirmed by majority vote.

Dave nominated Fencia Ballard as Member At-Large, Mark seconded. Fencia accepted the nomination. Rev. Dwayne then nominated Kathleen Carey as a second candidate and Mark seconded. Kathleen also accepted the nomination. The election was done by secret ballot. Fencia received a majority of votes and was confirmed as Member At-Large.

Kathleen Carey was then elected as Vice-Clerk by majority vote.

For 2016, the Vice Moderator and Clerk will meet with Rev. Dwayne in preparation of each Board meeting to set the agenda and a time frame for each item. That will help in keeping the Board meetings within a 90 minutes schedule.

V. **Consent Calendar**

Kathleen moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Knut and was approved unanimously.

VI. **Informational Items**

A. **Treasurer's Report**

Lance Jameson stood in for the newly elected Treasurer and presented the balance sheet for December 2015 and the profit/loss statement for Jan-Dec 2015. The P&L showed a net income of \$14,156 for the end of 2015 but that number still needs to be verified by the accountant. The balance sheet showed the cleaned up number of restricted and stip gift accounts. Lance asked the Board to make a decision on the Buchanan Fund since it is about \$60,000 in the negative and has only been replenished by transfers from the General Fund to cover the mortgage payment each month. Kathleen asked Lance to provide a detailed statement on how much money was taken out of Buchanan to see what needs to be paid back into the account.

Mark said that we had an incredible December and that total income for 2015 exceeded \$511,600 for the first time. He asked Lance to put a thank you note to the congregation into the bulletin. Knut moved to receive the Treasurer's report and Mark seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Shout Outs**

A shout out went out to Frank Wirmusky for coordinating the Lenten reflection series and to all the writers of the devotionals. Another shout out went to Charlie Jewett for being a docent at Saturday's event at the African Art Museum.

**C. 472 Update**

Mark reported that all the walls at 472 are ready to be painted and that the front and back doors can be ordered. The doors have to comply with the historic preservation guidelines. The architect is in the process of revising the final drawings, as they will be needed for closing. Mark also said that the building permit expires at the end of January, and that he would get a renewal before. Appliances can be ordered now as well, and Mark will send measurements to Dave. He will also check whether the stove will be gas or electric. Jim suggested finishing installing the security system before appliances will go in. Mark said that we should start marketing and taking pictures in three weeks. Dennis' timeline for finishing the project is the end of February 2016.

**D. December 2015 Finals**

Mark reported that the Christmas concert final report showed an income of \$4,382.82. The love offering for MCCDC staff (Dwayne, Cathy, and Lance) brought in \$7,106.

**E. Weather Cancellations**

Dwayne informed the Board that a decision on Saturday's events will be made by noon on Thursday. Mark will send an email/eBlast and Lance will prepare an automated call in message and also provide information to WTOP-FM for a radio announcement. Dwayne will decide on Sunday services by Saturday, and the information will be disseminated in the same way.

**VII. Voting Items**

**A. Black History Month Concert**

Fenicia presented a \$5,000 budget proposal for the Black History Month concert "Shades of Blackness". The concert will take place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. Dave asked how the budget compared to the Christmas concert and Mark said that we spent about \$2,500 in December. Kathleen asked whether we would sell tickets or if we will take an offering. She also wanted to get more details on the budgeted travel costs of \$2,500. Fenicia clarified that a pianist and two singers would come from out of town (Oklahoma) and that the Worship Arts

Ministry would watch costs closely. They will also make use of discounted hotel rates through Tommy Adams' work. Cathy added that Tyrone Stanley is already generating buzz for the concert and Rev. Dwayne pointed out Tyrone's proven track record. Mark moved to accept the budget for the concert and Knut seconded. The motion carried with one opposing vote.

**B. YAMs Fundraiser**

John presented two fundraising ideas from the Young Adult Ministry (YAMs). The fundraising income would support a trip to Hershey Park in September 2016. The first fundraiser would be a movie night "Fabulous in February". The YAMs will show "The Devil Wears Prada" at MCCDC and tickets would cost \$5 each. The second fundraiser will be a game night on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> with the same entrance fee. Mark moved to accept the fundraising proposals and Kathleen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Additional Information Items**

Mark informed the Board that MCC's Governing Board is looking to fill two lay positions and three clergy positions. The terms are six years each, and members will meet twice in person per year and monthly through Adobe Connect.

Dwayne asked the Board and Trustees to come together for a joint planning session on Saturday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mark Kornmann is making meeting space available at the Air and Space Museum and will share information on security and what to bring in advance.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mark moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kathleen and was approved unanimously. Dave closed the meeting in prayer.