



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

*April 17, 2018, 7PM*

**Moderator:** Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Lilah Blackstone, Jim Garner, Linda Hornsby, and Knut Panknin. Member Bobbi Strang was unable to attend and was not present. There is also one vacancy currently on the Board.

**Guests:** Rev. Cathy Alexander

### Opening Prayer

#### 1. Song and Scripture

- Song by Knut Panknin (*Gracefully Broken*, Tasha Cobbs) and Scripture by Jim Garner (Inspired by Jim's mother (Carol) – "*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord*" Psalms 98:4 (King James Version).

#### 2. Agenda

- **Knut moved to accept the Agenda with the change that the Treasurer's Report will not be provided by Tim Helm. Linda Hornsby seconded the Motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### 3. Consent Calendar

- Clerk's Report – The minutes from the last meeting was previously approved and posted.
- Sr. Pastor's Report – April Report by Rev. Dwayne was provided to the Board.
- Trustees' Report – Meeting not held last week because many members out of town. No written trustee report for this meeting. Trustees plan to meet on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lilah Blackstone moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Linda seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.**

#### 4. Informational Items:

- Shout-Outs – The Board offered the following shout outs:
  - Scott Frazier, chair of trustees, for creating a beautiful solution for risers.
  - Rev. Dwayne – for the series of sermons leading up to and including Easter, which were appropriate and timely.
  - The Older Adult Ministry for their fundraising efforts, including the recent flea market which raised funds for the church.
  - Pam Stephens – for helping with church activities and her passionate and moving scripture readings.
  - Wendy Hamilton – for her wonderful sermon two Sunday's ago.
  - Rev. Cathy -- for handling the many emergencies around the church and for handling financial matters.

- Confidentiality Requirements and Leadership Covenant for Board members
  - Rev. Dwayne shared the 2012 MCCDC Leadership Covenant
    - Rev. Dwayne will reformat it and share with everyone.
  - New confidentiality requirements forms will be re-created and distributed.
  
- Anniversary Event on May 19 and 20 - Rev. Dwayne and Rev. Cathy
  - Anniversary planning team has been formed and has been meeting (including Rev. Cathy and Knut)
  - “47years of Rising Strong” is theme
  - A Dinner is planned for Saturday evening, May 19, at MCCDC, honoring the service of the Rev. Elder Darlene Garner
  - Tickets will be \$40 each if purchased before May 6<sup>th</sup>, and \$47 after May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Will create a video
  - Will be held at Church
  - Blade will run full page ad promoting the event
  - Press Release will be issued.
  - The goal is sell 90 tickets to cover expenses
  - Rev. Darlene Garner will preach on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - A suggestion was offered that the team conduct a raffle to drive sales
  
- Executive Session – **Jim moved, and Knut seconded that the Board go into executive session to discuss the McCann award. The motion was unanimously adopted. Knut moved, and Jim seconded a motion to leave executive session return to regular open session. The motion was unanimously adopted.** The Board reported that they voted by secret ballot to select the 2018 Jim McCann Awardee who will be announced to the congregation on May 20, 2018.
  
- Changes to Board Meeting dates for the Summer. Lilah shared that her work schedule will prevent her from attending Tuesday meetings beginning in June. After discussion options the Board Members reached consensus on changes. **Lilah moved, and Linda seconded that the Board of Directors meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM for June, July, and August. The motion was unanimously adopted.**
  
- Board Retreat Priorities from January 20 – Rev. Dwayne asked that this item be carried over to the meeting to allow him and Knut to meet and discuss and develop proposals for moving forward.
  
- Approved Sale of Adjacent Lot Discussion Sessions – Knut and Jim provided updates related to the proposed sale, including recent communications with our lawyers. The Board discussed how to visually communicate progress with the congregation and generally how best to keep church congregation informed.
  - Next Steps were discussed.
  - Rev. Dwayne discussed having a Board Chat with the Congregation after this Sunday’s service.
  
- Open Board Position – Rev Dwayne reported that recruitment activities for a new Board member are on-going.
  
- Strategic Planning Update – Rev. Dwayne reported that his update on the Strategic Planning activities can be summed up with “Thank God for Ronnie Connelly.”

- BoD/Trustees Pancake breakfast (or something similar) – The Board selected a tentative date for such an event on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda volunteered to serve as the organizer of this event.

5. Discussion/Voting Items:

- Treasurer’s Report – Rev. Cathy provided update on financial matters. The Board engaged in a robust conversation on funding and spending and the current cash flow challenges. **Jim moved, and Knut seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. It was unanimously adopted.**
- Other Matters
  - During the discussion on finances, it was noted that the vacant apartment unit at 472 Ridge Street has still not been filled. The Board reached consensus to allow Rev. Cathy to negotiate whether to include a parking space with the apartment.

6. Announcements/Events

- **Strength Finders Leadership Workshop – April 21 at 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- Ignite Service – April 29 at 6 p.m. – dinner church
- Wendy Hamilton Ordination – May 12 at 2:00 p.m.
- MCCDC Anniversary Celebration – May 19/20
- Pride Interfaith Service – June 2<sup>nd</sup> at TBD

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer – Motion to Adjourn- Lilah moved to adjourn the meeting and Knut seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Board sang their closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:21pm**