



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2017, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson (present)

Board Members present: Lilah Blackstone, Jim Garner, Tim Helm, John Merriwether, and Knut Panknin. Bobbi Strang participated via conference call.

Guests: Rev. Cathy Alexander (present)

7:05pm – The Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer – Rev. Dwayne offered a prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Song and Scripture- Rev Dwayne shared a song with the group, “I’ve got Confidence” by Andre Crouch. Knut share the scripture -- John 8: 31-32, about truth. He noted that it complements the Celebration of Truth for this year’s Pride. The Interfaith Pride t-shirts will include the message “Be the Truth You Long For.” For next month’s meeting, Jim will share a song and Lilah will provide the scripture.

Agenda: Knut moved to accept the agenda as presented and Bobbi seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Consent Calendar
 - Clerk’s Report
 - Trustees Report
 - Sr. Pastor’s Report -- Rev. Dwayne shared a few highlights of his monthly Report (Report handed out)
 - Darryl Walker will be supporting worship arts as designer and producer of the church bulletin beginning May 21, 2017.
 - Rev. Cathy will be on vacation on May 19 through May 29, 2017.
 - Lilah moved to receive the consent calendar and Knut seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Informational Items: (25 minutes)
 - Shout-Outs – All
 - Dre Woody Macko and Alan Stapley for their leadership and service with the ushers
 - Cathy Batson and Marva Smith for their dance portrayal on 46th anniversary services
 - Continue shout out to Pamela Stevens for filling gaps when needed
 - Toni Grant for support at pitching in when needed
 - Two Anonymous donors of the church who have given substantially generously contributions the last couple of weeks.
 - Rev. Elizabeth McCain for the successful workshop on renewal in uncertain times that she recently conducted
 - Recruitment Point Person –
 - Knut volunteered to be point person on any positions that the church needs (trustees, strategic planning team, stewardship team, etc.)
 - Asked for recommendations so that he can begin vetting

- One Year Internship at MCCDC (Lauren Bennett) – Rev. Dwayne
 - On June 10th, Rev. Dwayne will be in training with Lauren Bennett. Johanna Hardy has agreed to serve as the lay person to work with Lauren during her internship. Her internship with MCCDC will begin late June/early July. Internship with Wesley will be beginning with the start of the academic year (it will be a dual internship).

- 472 Update – Tim
 - Tim reported that he and Rev. Cathy recently met with Earl Horton, a developer active in the neighborhood (he recently developed the properties at 460 Ridge Street). He has experience in real estate and he offered to provide advice on how we might proceed with developing a third unit at 472 Ridge Street. After touring the basement, he responded with some actions that will be needed to proceed.
 - Lot size: To have three units, the lot size for 472 must meet zoning rules. It is believed that the necessary work to increase the size of lot has been accomplished. Church records should reflect this. Tim will review records to determine if this has been completed.
 - To develop two bedrooms in the basement, a back door or window will be needed to allow ingress and egress.
 - Earl has an architect available who would be able to draw up plans. If interested, we need to discuss financial costs for the services.
 - Earl Horton also submitted a proposal for consideration concerning the M Street lot. Under the proposal, he would purchase the lot and provide a permanent easement to the church for 12 parking space. He would develop four rental unit above the parking lot. A copy of the current version of proposal was shared with the board. The board members discussed the need to conduct due diligence including the possibility of engaging an appraisal and research on the number of parking spaces and lot size needed for the church. Tim reminded everyone that the sale of any church property would require a vote of the congregation. It was also noted the balloon payments on both of the church's current mortgages are due in 2020. It was also discussed that we may need to hire an attorney who is experienced in this area. Tim and Jim will work on doing more research and also explore possible real estate lawyers.

- Items from retreat with Ministry leaders – All

- Pride Outreach (promoting live streaming) – Knut
 - Knut reported on Pride planning activities with partner churches and that the response from partner churches has been slow, but there are now 5 or 6 churches on board. He shared an update on Pride events this month and next (See list below). Knut also reported that there will be table shifts sign up forms for all festival events and the plan is to have water bottles to give away and there will be MCCDC business cards to hand out. Knut also said reported that the interfaith Pride shirts are now available for purchase it online. Knut noted that Jacqueline Laughlin and Brian Wenk have been helping Knut on Pride activities and Will from Baltimore.
 - Other items/Ownership of tasks
 - Rev. Cathy announced that Mr. Alonzo Lee has joined as a new project enhancement person working at MCCDC.

- The Board discussed the need to proceed with pursuing arbitration to attend to recover funds for the first 472 contractor, Pinckney Construction. Tim and Jim agreed to review the collection of documents regarding the project and explore arbitration and also explore finding a competent attorney to review information and make a legal determination. Mark Kornmann may be a resource for historical data.
- Rev. Cathy will try to acquire a fundraising trainer for the MCCDC Board and Stewardship team.

4. Discussion/Voting Items: (45 minutes)

- Treasurer's Report – Tim reviewed the spreadsheets on the church's revenues and expenditures so far, this year. The Board reviewed the weekly financial statistics and the Budget vs. Actuals FY2017-and FY17 Profit and Losses. A Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by John and seconded by Knut, which was unanimously approved. The Board also discussed how financial information should be reported in the weekly bulletin as some congregants have expressed confusion. Rev. Dwayne recommended including a brief narrative describing information related to pledged amounts to actual giving. Rev. Cathy suggested title changes. Knut offered to prepare and share some suggested language based on this discussion.
- Strategic Planning update – Rev. Dwayne reported that he had a good conversation with Don Eastman. Don is devoting his energies to guide churches in strategic planning. He will be putting together a proposal for potential future engagement to assist MCCDC with strategic planning efforts. See Senior Pastor's report.

5. Announcements/Events

- MCC Baltimore 45th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, May 20, 2017, 3 PM
- TransPride, Sunday May 20, 2017
- Black Pride, Sunday, May 28, 2017
- Latin Pride, June 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. @ MCCDC
- Pride Interfaith Service, Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- Capital Pride, Sat/Sun, June 10 and 11, 2017
- Transgender Equality Lobby Day, June 8-9, 2017
- Youth Pride, Saturday, July 15, 2017
- Angel Collie, TRANSformation weekend, July 22-23, 2017
- People of African Descent Conference, St. Louis, August 3-5, 2017
- Church Picnic, August 6, 2017, location TBD
- UFCDC/MCCDC Anniversary Services, August 13, 2017
- Revival @ MCCDC, September 15-17, 2017

6. Executive Session

The Board did not enter into executive session during this meeting.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

- Knut moved to adjourn the meeting and Lilah seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm. Rev. Dwayne led the Board in prayer. The next meeting will be June 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

“What did we do in tonight's meeting that helped us accomplish our mission?”