



MCC DC Congregational Forum ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2022, 12:30PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Attendees:

Rev Cathy

Phil Helbling

Rev Dwayne

Knut

Tony Ratcliffe

Darryl Walker

Dale Madyun-Baskerville

Judy Holmes

Louis Hikes

Donald

Johanna Hardy

Louis Hicks

Rev Tygart

Tammy Orbach

Wallace

Charlotte Miller

Jackie Louis

“Sweet Pea”

Terri

Tom Melzoni
 Brian Scott
 Prophet Savoy
 Tony Ratcliffe
 Scott Frazier
 Carla Sherrell
 Cathy B
 Monika
 Denise
 Ruth Kappy

Opening Prayer = Rev. Dwayne

Opening remarks - Rev Dwayne

Video Presentation by Knut

Presentation of the Ministry Action Plan – Rev. Cathy. Introduction of the BOD. Terri gave an overview of our finances (p.6 from the presentation). Terri clarified that the financial numbers on the slide were as of 2/28/22:

General Fund	\$21,927.45
Buchanan Building Fund	\$689.72
Eagle Bank – Emergency Contingency Fund	\$25,000.00
Far Reaching Faith Trust Fund	\$639,186.51
Congregation approved \$175,000 Trust Fund Transfer in June. Amount remaining	\$109,753.48
Money Market Fund (Bequest)	\$107,682.79
Wesley Innovation Grant Funds (Restricted)	\$13,423.36

BHT Inc. Gift received in Feb	\$108,570.77
Mortgage 474	(\$886,993.67)
Mortgage 472	(\$303,667.56)

- Brian Scott asked about the line item for BHT – Which used to be Brother Help Thyself clarified by Pastor Dwayne
- Darryl asked about the fact that we have 2 separate mortgages. Terri explained that the mortgages for 474 are for the church, and for 472 is for the rental house next door.
- Rev. Cathy explained our historical giving, and that fact that occasionally we receive bequeaths. We also received 2 PPP loans (Paycheck protection plan loans that were completely forgiven) thanks to Terri Neal.
- Rev. Dwayne spoke about how the various ministries of MCC DC continued to grow and reach out during the pandemic.
- Brian Scott asked about the future of in-person ministry. Pastor Dwayne said the church has a target date for returning to in-person worship. But it is difficult to predict the pandemic.
- Johanna explained we periodically took polls regarding interest in people coming back to in-person. When in-person returned not everyone checked-in. Others checked-in that they would be coming in-person and then did not show up.
- Rev. Cathy explained all of the line-items for Ministry Income and Ministry Expenses.
- Dr. Theresa expanded on the theme of “God what is it you want to do through me?”. Dr. Theresa spoke about Barnabas. And that Barnabas was all about encouragement. And that we (MCC DC) want to create a “Barnabas culture”. A culture of encouragement.

Q&A –

- Dale spoke about our return to church, and what it takes volunteer-wise to make it possible to return to church.
- Wallace asked if there would be any travel in the budget and should the budget include the increase cost of gasoline in the budget. Rev. Cathy explained that every 3 years MCC has a general conference. However this year the general conference is being held virtually. Rev. Dwayne said there is no other travel planned at this time. Dale noted that there are registration fees for the conference, but not travel.
- Knut – noted that with higher energy costs our heating, cooling, etc could also be higher this year. If there is a need to adjust the budget/plan throughout the year we will do that.
- Brian Scott asked about the music ministry – What do we plan for the music ministry in the future? And does the budget support our plans for the future? Johanna explained that in the past the music minister was a staff person, and today we do not have a dedicated staff person who is a music minister. However we do have a line item expenditure for music. Rev. Dwayne explained that we do have 2 contract music ministers providing and guiding our music, and that’s what the line item for the Music Ministry reflects. Rev. Dwayne continued that we

welcome continued innovation in the music ministry and are open to new ideas and how the music ministry can have an impact both locally and globally. Rv. Dwayne spoke about the example of fundraising via the singer Oleeta Adams that we had come in to Linlcon Theatre a few years ago. Todd mentioned that he has produced and directed major events and galas at the Lincoln Theatre.

- Rev. Carla mentioned about continuing to grow music-wise.
- Knut mentioned a question from Todd about the possibility of having services outside as the weather gets nicer. Knut said that's a great idea if we can make that happen. The only limitation is the volunteers we would need to make it happen.
- Brian Scott also mentioned about the possibility of reaching out to other MCC's and collaborating/sharing music. Some of which could be done virtually.
- Rev. Dwayne explained that we have an invitation to increase our giving with the Full to the Brim campaign and everyone should pray and respond and if we do so it will transform us both individually as well as a church.
- Rev. Cathy spoke how since her time as a ministry intern in 2011, she has become knit to the community. And she has personally decided to give more. She wants to ensure that everyone in the MCC DC community is touched by this generosity campaign and acts on it.
- Brian Scott asked about creating cards to give to the homeless/others in need that need assistance. Rev. Dwayne explained that we do give gift cards to people that knock on the door and ask for assistance. That that is what the idea of the gift cards are for – to feed the hungry. Rev. Dwayne explained that there are some people that stop by the church each month to get a Safeway or Giant card from us.
- Rev. Dwayne talked about the giving team and who is on the generosity initiative. On April 24th we are going to have a special giving event.
- Rev. Dwayne also spoke about coming back to in-person ministry. Melvin our administrator is going to be working with us on that. And that we call out for people that can volunteer to make this happen. Rev. Dwayne mentioned that it takes about 12 people volunteering to make in-person church service happen. Johanna mentioned that people can volunteer on a rotating basis, take one service or a couple of services a month, etc. Rev. Dwayne noted that our number one goal is to keep people safe. And that we have not had 1 transmission due to our services.
- Rev. Cathy noted that the volunteers needed to make in-person church happen is not a nice-to-have. It's a must-have.
- Johanna mentioned there is an online sign-up form for volunteering.
- Rev. Cathy asked for people in the meeting to tell us where you are getting your information about MCC DC and our services? Is it the eblast? Facebook? Etc.
- Prophet Savoy asked about the details of what in-person worship will look like. Rev. Dwayne explained that we do not envision people holding hands for the Lords Prayer, etc. And that in-person service will look different.
- Rev. Carla thanked everyone that put together this great presentation.

Closing Prayer - Dr. Teresa closed out the meeting in prayer.

