



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Board Members: Lilah Blackstone, Johanna Hardy, Terri Neal, Knut Panknin, Phil Helbling, Ace Barbari

Trustees: Scott Frazier, Ceelia Hayden-Smith, and Tamara Orebaugh

Guests: Rev. Cathy Alexander, Dr. Carla Sherrell, Dr. Teresa Tygart, Melvin

- Song - Rev. Dwayne (I've got the Joy in my Heart) and Scripture (Proverbs 27:17) Johanna
- Approval of Agenda – motion to approve agenda – Phil and Knut. Motion carries.
- Consent Calendar –
 - Update on Security Grant (signed last month) – report on progress on the work. – Ace reported that he has spoken to Chris Drury with Clear Choice every week. Once the EHP part is done, he will send it to Miss Ross regarding the grant. If she doesn't like it we may have to change some things. We already paid \$20K down. Once the grant is approved by Miss Ross MCC DC will be reimbursed for the \$20K we put down. Ace hopes to submit the grant request to Miss Ross by the end of this week.
 - Pastoral Report – Motion to receive: Phil and Johanna. Motion passed.
 - Prep for congregational Forum (November 6) and Congregational Meeting (November 20):
 - Board recruiting (2 positions +election of position Ace currently appointed) – Knut's and Lilah's are the positions that are coming up.
 - Reminder that the person with the fewest votes takes the board vacancy with the least amount of years. Phil asked if Knut and Lilah have any interest in running again.
 - Ace is filling a vacancy by board appointment through November and would need to run to continue to fill the position which runs for one more year. Board recruiting should begin by communicating the vacancies and publishing it in the eBlasts and church bulletin.
 - Discussion about how people will vote – in person on paper or electronically or a hybrid of both. The Tech Team which meets on Friday will discuss ways voting could be executed at the Congregational meeting. The “check in” process could also be done electronically.
 - By-laws: any suggested changes this year? - We had by-law changes last year but none on the agenda for this year. Do we know of any? Last year the by-law changes passed unanimously.
 - Call for reports – Pastors report, board report, trustees report, and the minutes from the last meeting are usually presented. Johanna noted we are not doing a financial report because that will be presented with the

- Treasurer's Report:
 - **Truist general Fund:** -\$27,174.72 this is a negative amount. But there is the BHT Grant money also in the account. The reason for the negative amount in the General Fund is because the donations are not keeping up with expenses.
 - **Truist Buchanan fund:** \$689.77
 - **EagleBank Emergency Fund:** \$25K
 - **Charles Schwab FRFTF** \$582,773.49. and \$63,464.54 in the Money Market account after \$40K was transferred from the bequest of Larry Rowe to Truist.
 - \$75,706.01 remaining from the \$175K that was approved by the congregation. This is a subset of the \$582,773.49 in the Charles Schwab account.
 - Terri asked about using some of the funds from the BHT to pay for some of the things the church needs such as paying vendors and livestreaming. Pastor Dwayne mentioned that he talked with the chairman of BHT and understands that these spending ideas would be in alignment with the way BHT would want to see the funds used. What is not acceptable to BHT would be to pay for salaries.
 - Terri would like to know at a future BOD meeting how the work of Tom Melzoni is benefiting the church. We have to-date paid Mr. Melzoni over \$13K. And still our expenses are outstripping our income.
 - Terri also said she would like to know if it would be acceptable to move the final \$63K from the bequest of Larry Rowe to the general fund. Motion to move the \$63K made by Knut and Terri. Motion carried.
 - Motion to receive the Treasurers report- Phil and Knut. Motion passed.
- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes
 - Signing schedule- Terri will be out of town the next couple of weeks and will not be able to be in the church office the next two weekends. Knut can come in. Ace can come in but Terri needs to have him added to the signing authority for Truist bank.
 - Other support
- "Building a Culture of Generosity" update – Note to spend more time discussing this at our next meeting.
- Covid 19 Advisory Team Update/ Reopening update – Johanna reported that the Covid advisory team has not met recently but things are going smoothly. No new updates.
- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - General Conference – No updates.
 - Virtual church update – Our MCC DC TikTok and other social media is getting more attention. But also was noted by Johanna that some of it is negative attention from anti-gay people who comment.
 - HVAC Replacement update - No updates
 - Innovation Hub update - No updates
 - Sanctuary Screens Project- No updates

- Mid-City Development - No updates
- Early Learners Academy Update – No updates
- 50th MCCDC Anniversary - No updates
- Discussion on the Buchanan Fund – No updates
- Shout-Outs – Shout out to Chocolate Miller to their work they are doing in setting up the sanctuary for service. Knut gave a shout out to Terri for coming in to sign checks on her birthday. Knut gave a shout out to Melvin for coming in during the storm. Pastor Dwayne noted that others are also working to resolve issues from the storm.
- Scripture and Song for following meeting – Phil will do the scripture. Song for the next meeting will be Knut.

Motion to adjourn – Phil and Knut. Motion passes.

- Announcements/Online Events