



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2021, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Board Members: Lilah Blackstone, Johanna Hardy, Terri Neal, Knut Panknin, Phil Helbling, and Monika Lawrence

Trustees: Ace Barbari, Scott Frazier, Tamara Orebaugh, Cecelia Hayden-Smith, and Denise Wright

Guests: Rev. Cathy Alexander, Dr. Carla Sherrell, Melvin Moore Adams

Opening Prayer offered by Rev. Dwayne. Rev. Cathy lit a candle to remind of our Congregation.

1. Song and Scripture: Scripture
 - Scripture offered by Knut Panknin: Ephesians 3:17 – 19
 - Song offered by Phil Helbling: *Down by the Riverside* feat. Grandpa Elliott/Playing for Changes
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Knut Panknin moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lilah Blackstone. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consent Calendar
 - Knut Panknin moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Phil Helbling. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Priority Board Items
 - Treasurer's Report – Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were unable to attend the meeting but shared the report with the Board. Rev. Cathy provided a financial update about the budget:
 - SunTrust account balance \$709.65 for the Buchanan building fund
 - General fund \$70,431.71.
 - Eagle \$30,961.13 bank account
 - Knut noted that the PPP funds have been completely used at this point, and also noted that the budget was approved as part of the special congregational meeting which was held on June 27th.
5. Stewardship engagement

- Board discussed the Phase 1 approach with Horizons Stewardship/Tom Melzoni: Coaching and Legacy Giving Campaign 2021. The special meeting with Tom Melzoni had been documented by Knut Panknin.
 - Rev. Dwayne shared additional details of the giving campaign, including that Manual would be provided to Board by Tom as part of giving campaign.
 - Other Board members offered their recollections of meeting with Tom Melzoni.
 - Responses to questions offered by Board were discussed.
 - Questions asked by board members about financial commitment of MCCDC for the campaign and what account the funds would be paid out of.
- Board has decided to hold off on a motion of whether to continue to engage with Tom Melzoni for the different services offered because of the need for the input of the treasurer and assistant treasurer who were unable to attend the board meeting. The Board decided to communicate (and vote) via email about whether to continue engagement with Tom Melzoni at the proposed rate of no more than \$16,000 with details to be negotiated.

6. Return to in-person service update provided by Rev. Dwayne

- Rev. Dwayne reported that the team is still working with the Working Group recommendations. There is some additional technology being installed that will help with the in-service service.
 - Plan is to integrate technology to help with virtual
 - August 1st will be volunteer Sunday
 1. Those who volunteer will be welcomed into worship space return to in-person service and to assist with process.
 - a. Will enable people who are involved to assist with making in-person service run smoothly.
 - August 8th
 1. Re-entry Sunday for entire Congregation
 - a. Mayor's Guidelines allow for 100% return
 - b. Everyone will be required to wear masks
 - c. Will ask congregation to check-in before service.
 - d. Technology will enable experience virtually to be the same as in-person.
 - e. Discussion about campaign to get members to invite new members either virtually or in person.

7. Other items

- Rev. Cathy provided an Innovation Hub update.
 - MCCDC Received a request to fund a \$1,000 project from Music minister Deidre Gray. Request was granted by Innovation Hub. Music Video will be produced and released when complete.
- Rev. Dwayne provided an update about the Roofing project:
 - The project has been hit with several challenges regarding delays from DCHR. Concern with neighbors about work being completed on

weekends. Frustrations shared with Contractor. Safe re-entry planned for October. Roof has been scheduled for first weekend in October.

- HVAC Replacement update – Rev. Dwayne reported that our church administrator Melvin Moore Adams continues to manage both the Roofing and HVAC projects.
 - Rev. Cathy noted that she engaged with Maggio (roofer) management regarding the lack of communication.
 - Rev. Dwayne noted that he had met with the ANC Commissioner regarding the neighbor’s noise complaints due to the roof work being done over the weekend.
- Early Learners Academy – Rev. Cathy shared an update related to the Academy. Plan is to get reaccredited for basement for next term.
- 50th anniversary –
 - Rev. Dwayne reported that the theme is “50 years and beyond of saving lives”. The church is looking at developing testimonies, tying the celebration into the Melzoni giving campaign and more. May 2022 will be both in-person and virtual. Draft ideas involve stretching the celebrations over 2 years.
- Atlantic City Fundraiser – Trustee Ace Barbari brought up the topic about returning the Atlantic City trip. However, discussion will be tabled until we can determine whether it is safe to resume.

8. Other Discussion/Informational Items

- Shout-Outs
 - Dale Baskerville for work with AV consultant and assisting with scheduling and workplans and for ushering process.
 - Members who continue to provide scripture readings and testimonies for worship services.
 - Tim Helm for assistance with landscaping and mentoring of part-time employee.
- Recording of Giving/Generosity Messages
 - Will resume for Board members in September.
- Scripture and Song for following next week
 - Lilah Blackstone (Song); Johanna Hardy (Scripture)

9. Announcements/Online Events

Phil Helbling moved to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Knut Panknin. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil Helbling offered closing prayer at 8:37pm.