



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023, 6:30PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Board Members: Phil Helbling, Chocolatté Miller, Terri Neal,

Trustees: Tamara Orebaugh

Guests: , Dr. Teresa Tygart

- Song – Phil “Ave Maria by Luciano Pavarotti. Scripture – Ecclesiastes Chap. 7 Ver. 8 – Chocolatté.
- Rev. Dwayne mentioned prayers for Larry Harris who is recovering. Also praying for Joe Miller. Dr. Teresa’s mother and father. And Rev. Dwayne’s parents who are on travel.
- Approval of Agenda – Phil and Chocolatté. Motion carries
- Approval of Meeting minutes from June. Phil and Chocolatté. Approved.
- Consent Calendar – Phil and Terri. Received.
 - Update on Security Grant (signed in September) – report on progress on the work. Rev. Dwayne reported that we are very close to being reimbursed \$20,500 for the security work done by Clear Connection.
 - Pastoral Report
 - What specifically needs to be discussed regarding the financial future of MCCDC – Rev. Dwayne emphasized the thought of setting up a date to have a joint meeting of the Generosity committee and the BOD to discuss some of Terri’s concerns and our financial health in general.
- Treasurer’s Report – Terri reported the following:
 - Truist General Fund -\$44,976.96. We anticipate receiving \$20.5K for the Clear Connection reimbursement.
 - The BHT continues to be the safety net at Truist is \$108,570 minus the \$28,945 we paid for the Audio Video work in Dec. 2022. Means we have \$79,625.77 from BHT.
 - Terri asked if all of the rental apartments are rented. Rev. Dwayne said he will check with Melvin and follow-up tomorrow. Terri mentioned that the rent from EJF management company has been much less due to the vacancy. Terri would like to be kept informed of the repair expenses.
 - FRFTF balance is \$470,249.32.
 - Terri reported that the \$175K originally approved by the congregation in June 2021 has been spent down and currently has a \$0 balance. Terri reported that she and Rev. Cathy have discussed the idea of asking the congregation for another tranche of funds be accessed from the FRFTF.

- Rev. Dwayne asked where the funds for the fire alarm system repair came from. Chocolatte and Terri explained that there is about \$7k more needed for the \$40K that's needed to fix the fire alarm system. Perhaps we could have a fundraiser. Or perhaps we could ask the congregation to tap the FRFTF or tap the security grant.
 - Terri is looking forward to a discussion about our financial sustainability. Right now we are getting by on our "safety net" of the BHT gift. This is a concern once that is spent down and no longer have a safety net and big bills come in.
 - Terri asked about deposit slips. Chocolatté explained that we still have more deposit slips at the office. We'll encourage Melvin to be proactive about ordering more deposit slips as we run down. Chocolatté said we have 3 full books of deposit slips right now. Chocolatté will confirm that they are for the Truist account. Chocolatté later confirmed with Melvin that yes – we have 3 more books of deposit slips for the Trust account.
 - Motion to receive the Treasurer's report: Phil and Chocolatté. Approved.
 - Terri said Giving statements for 2023 are uploaded on a regular basis. Terri said she'd like to work with Chocolatté to make sure we have accurate contact information for all the people giving on Easy Tithe.
- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes - Rev. Dwayne said to be on the lookout for availability for check signing. Chocolatté will be out from today through 9/17. Phil and Terri said they can come in to sign. Ace can also come in during the week if/when needed.
 - "Building a Culture of Generosity" update – Rev. Dwayne reported that we are looking forward to doing things like the Backpacks for Kids, the Komen Walk, etc. The local ANC commissioner has helped get our name out there in the neighborhood. Kudos to Johanna for getting our letter of concern out to the community and our neighbors. As we move into September and October we'll be looking at wellness. Then in October and November we'll be looking at giving again.
 - Terri said she has been concerned about the number of church members that have lost spouses. She has observed a lot of grief and emotional concerns. Since in May we emphasized mental health, perhaps we could reach out to some of the members that have experienced loss to speak to the congregation about their grief as part of a healing process. Rev. Dwayne mentioned that many of the members who have lost partners have joined the 12noon prayer call. Others have been isolating and we are reaching out to them.
- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - Fire system update – Rev. Dwayne reported that Melvin is honchoing the finalizing of a contract to get this fixed.
 - Update on Sanctuary Renovation – Rev. Dwayne mentioned that we are still learning to work with the newly rearranged space and equipment. One of the things we'd like is to involve more of the people on livestream. Now we need to take it to the next level.
 - Update on the 472 rental units – Thanks to Melvin. Phil mentioned that the BOD might want to consider getting bids from other property management firms that would be interested in our business since EJV has been underperforming.

- Update on DC Central Block proposal down the street – Rev. Dwayne said he has nothing additional that we haven’t already discussed. The bottom line is it looks like DC is going to move forward with their plans.
 - Discussion on push to encourage members info updates – Rev. Dwayne said this important for giving, generosity, etc. It’s important to know how to reach people for a variety of reasons.
 - AV advancement Project with AVG – We will keep this item and remove the item for updates on the sanctuary renovation. They are the same thing.
 - Mid-City Development – Johanna is following this and had no update. Rev. Dwayne reported that there is a new project manager for the developer as of June but things continue to move slowly.
 - Early Learners Academy Update – Rev. Dwayne reported that the Early Learners staff remains stable which is a good thing. They have growing attendance. Melvin is working on the update to their contract for renewal time. The downstairs toilets backed up again. Melvin gave the repair bills directly to the Learners Academy and they paid it. Eventually we will need to blow out the sump pump and we will need to shut down the church for the day to make that happen.
 - 50th MCCDC Anniversary – nothing to report.
 - Discussion on the Buchanan Fund – nothing to report.
 - Shout-Outs – Chocolatté gave a shout out to the volunteer hospitality and greeter team. Terri gave a shout out to Dale Baskerville for all she does. Phil gave a shout out to Terri for her financial work.
 - Scripture and Song for following meeting – Dr. Teresa will do the song. Phil will do the scripture.
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- Motion to adjourn: Phil and Chocolatté. Passed.

Meeting ended 7:42pm