



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

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

Trustees: Cecelia Hayden-Smith, and Tamara Orebaugh

Guests: Rev. Cathy Alexander, Dr. Carla Sherrell, Dr. Teresa Tygart, Melvin Moore Adams, Donald he-him.

- Song (~~Knut~~) and Scripture (Ace) – In lieu of a scripture we had a prayer from Ace.
- Approval of Agenda – moved by Phil and seconded by Lilah. Agenda approved.
- Consent Calendar – Pastor Dwayne mentioned that Scott
 - Update on Security Grant –
 - Melvin discussed the Statement of Work (SOW) and proposal from Clear Connection. Phil asked about comparisons to other organizations that get similar services and if this is a good bargain.
 - Johanna asked what happens in the event of a power outage and the electronic keys don't work. Melvin explained that in that case there are manual keys and the gates can work that way.
 - Ace asked about the permitting for this work and who would be responsible for doing the permitting. Melvin said that Clear Connection would be responsible
 - Phil moved to approve the proposal seconded by Lilah. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Rev. Cathy reminded the board that once approved the contract requires the payment of half (\$20K) upfront to get the work started.
 - Pastoral Report
 - Pastor Dwayne mentioned that Scott Frazier is no longer a Trustee.
 - Phil moved to approve the pastoral report. Lilah seconded. Approved motion to receive the consent calendar and pastoral report.
- Treasurer's Report
 - General fund balance is \$123176
 - Mortgage is \$870699.63
 - Eagle Bank balance is \$25K
 - Terry raised questions at the last meeting about potential double payments to Harris. Pastor Cathy reported that we did research and determined that Harris has not been paid twice – there was a voided check that got counted twice by

the bookkeeper. Rev. Cathy issued a reminder to write “void” on the check if we void it. Rev. Cathy noted that we have not received the best service from Harris. Melvin worked with Harris to point out the deficiencies in our physical plant and the new HVAC system. For example when the HVAC comes on and you are in the sanctuary the HVAC sounds like a helicopter is landing on the roof. And the lower level does not get really cool. There were also cracks in the HVAC outer casing.

- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes
 - Signing schedule
 - Other support
- “Building a Culture of Generosity” update –
 - Pastor Dwayne mentioned that there are lots of notes about the Generosity campaign in the pastoral report.
 - Generosity discussion - What gifts to you bring to the Board in a word or phrase?” Each board member invited to share on this question briefly
 - Pastor Dwayne mentioned that at the next Board meeting we can talk more about generosity.
- Covid 19 Advisory Team Update/ Reopening update – Pastor Dwayne mentioned that we are running both in-person as well as virtual church. Numbers are running low in terms of attendance but our protocols in terms of adhering to mask wearing and other protocols are working well. Pastor Dwayne mentioned that we are thinking about doing more virtual programming.
- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - General Conference – Rev. Dwayne reported that the denomination has decided on a virtual and international conference. Dr. Carla was one of the workshop presenters.
 - Risk management – Rev. Cathy mentioned the protest that happened by a recent former church member that protested with about 10 other protesters and protested against our church. This was mentioned in terms of risk management.
 - Virtual church update
 - HVAC Replacement update
 - Innovation Hub update
 - Sanctuary Screens Project
 - Mid-City Development
 - Early Learners Academy Update
 - 50th MCCDC Anniversary
 - Discussion on the Buchanan Fund
 - Shout-Outs
 - Scripture and Song for following meeting
- Announcements/Online Events
- Motion to Adjourn – Phil and Lilah. Motion passed.