



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 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, Chocolate Miller

- Song Knut – Carrie Underwood, Great is Thy Faithfulness. Scripture Lilah – Psalm 62 ver 5-6.
- Approval of Agenda – Phil and Knut. Agenda approved. Motion to include guests in the closed session on Mid City discussion – Phil and Ace. Motion approved. Shout out to Lilah for helping serve on the board.
- Approval of Meeting minutes from October. Phil and Ace. Meeting minutes approved.
- Consent Calendar –
 - Update on Security Grant (signed in September) – report on progress on the work. Ace emailed Ms Ross and never got any reply regarding approval to repair the doors. Then emailed again. Ms Ross finally responded that the repair to the doors is not covered but replacement of the doors would be. Ace talked to Chris Buruy with ClearChoice who said they could refund the money if we don't want to go forward. The BOD decided to ask Clear Choice for the money back until we can get final approval for the expenditure from the City and Ms. Ross.
 - Pastoral Report
 - Adjustments for and Congregational Meeting (November 20):
 - Board recruiting (2 positions +election of position Ace currently appointed). The board has received one application. Ace is still undecided if he wants to be on the BOD for a full term as he has some upcoming travel that will keep him away for a few months.
 - Final preparations – Phil will take minutes with Lilah as back up – both Phil and Lilah may be traveling but will make every effort to attend.
- Project Empowerment update – no update
- Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer's Report was emailed as part of our package. The EagleBank emergency fund balance was unable to be attained because of technical updates the bank was making.

- The next money that will be drawn from the FRFTF will be for the HVAC payment which will leave us with approximately \$40K remaining.
- Motion to receive the Treasurer’s Report – Knut and Ace. Approved.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss Mid-City Development – Knut and Johanna.

- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes
 - Signing schedule – Terri will understand the signing schedule needs once she has a chance to look at her calendar. She will get back with the BOD on signing needs.
 - Other support
- “Building a Culture of Generosity” update –
 - Preview of Generosity Calendar – Pastor Dwayne thanked everyone for their work on the giving letter. Pastor Cathy mentioned the idea that was suggested by Tom Melzoni of a legacy circle of people that make a commitment to remember MCC DC in their will and estate plans. We are still thinking about what to call the legacy givers and how to honor them.
 - Ace asked if the church has thought about getting another bank since we are having so much trouble with Truist. The short answer is no. Since Truist has our loan it was easier to deal with Trust. But those days may be over as Truist is getting more and more difficult to work with (in regards to the confusion of MCC DC’s name).
- Covid 19 Advisory Team Update/ Reopening update – Rev. Dwayne reported that our measures seem to be working and more people than not seem to continue to be wearing masks during service.
- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - Sanctuary Screens Project - Knut gave an update of the project for video screens for the sanctuary. This system should be an easier system to integrate and operate. BOD had previously approved \$50K for this project from the funds from the Brother Help Thyself (BHT) gift. Current quote comes in at \$59K. Pastor Dwayne suggested that the BOD consider approving an additional \$11K to cover the additional costs. Total costs would be \$62,502. Motion to approve total of 63,500 from BHT grant to finance the AVG proposal as presented to the Board. The Board will explore low interest financing with the vendor and also work with the Treasurer to address cash flow concerns. Moved by Ace and Lilah. Motion approved.
 - Rev. Cathy reported that the rental unit is almost ready to be rented. Both vacant rental units should be able to be rented by the end of the year.
 - Chocolate asked about the timing of the installation of the screens – and that it could take 6 weeks to install. Chocolate asked how this will impact the worship services. Knut said that the agreement stipulates that our equipment must not be out of service for our religious services. The old screens and the new must be swapped out seamlessly.
 - Early Learners Academy Update – no update

- 50th MCCDC Anniversary – no update
- Discussion on the Buchanan Fund – no update
- Shout-Outs – to Knut and Lilah by Pastor Dwayne for their service above and beyond what they do for the BOD. Knut gave a shout out to our sound team for making EP sound fantastic and to the EP itself. Terri gave a shout out to the pastors for the numerous weddings and memorial services on Saturdays in recent weeks. Pastor Dwayne gave a shout out to Melvin for the extra work of facing some of our recent challenges.
- Scripture and Song for following meeting – Chocolate will do the song. Dr. Carla will do the scripture.
- Motion to adjourn – Knut and Lilah. Motion passes.