



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Board Members: Aee Barbari, Johanna Hardy, Phil Helbling, Chocolatté Miller, Terri Neal, Bobbi Strang

Trustees: Cecelia Hayden-Smith, and Tamara Orebaugh

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

- Song Chocolatté “Joyful Joyful we adore Thee” feat. Ryan Ofei and Thiana – Maverick City Music- and Scripture Phil – James 2 ver 14-16, 18 and 25.
- Approval of Agenda – Phil and Bobbi, approved
- Approval of Meeting minutes from January – Phil and Johanna, approved.
- Consent Calendar –
 - Update on Security Grant (signed in September) – report on progress on the work. Melvin reported that Ms. Ross accepted our information about the project manager for our MCC DC security project. Melvin met with Eric and Chris with Clear Connection. They informed us that the locksmith will come out to determine what parts are needed to fix the door. Card readers will be transferred from ADT to Clear Connection. The card readers will be replaced. We’ve identified a vendor for trimming the trees which will provide us with greater security and lighting. We expect the training phase will happen by mid-March. Brievo the card reading system is being updated. Gate system will be switched over to the Brievo system as well. The gate will also be operated by a code as well as a fob which can be given out by the BOD to members that are deemed to need it.
 - Pastoral Report, Phil and Chocolatté. Received.
- Vote to move MCC DC BOD meetings to 6:30pm. Chocolatté and Bobbi. Approved.
- Preparation for Congregational Forum (March 12) and Congregational Meeting (March 26). Rev. Cathy reviewed the draft Congregational Forum 2023 agenda and reports (reference draft agenda and reports). Phil asked about the deaf ministry. Chocolate asked about on-going maintenance needs. Rev. Cathy explained about the future \$20K expense to connect the church to the local firehouse. Right now it does not.

Motion to receive the draft agenda and reports for approval at the congregational meeting: Phil and Chocolatté. Motion Passed.

- 2023-2024 Ministry Action Plan (Budget) (This is the one agenda item. It requires vote from Board to forward to congregation).

- MCC DC BOD Working Retreat – Next steps on priorities discussion.
- Treasurer’s Report – Will be sent by mail by Terri later.
- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes. Terri will send emails later for check signing.
- “Building a Culture of Generosity” update. New person is thinking of being a team lead on this.
- Board and Trustee Mentoring and Strategic Retreat - update
Minutes from the retreat were sent out. Please review and bring your thoughts for next time.
- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - AV advancement Project with AVG. Pastor Dwayne reported that dates are being looked at for when this will happen.
 - Mid-City Development. No update.
 - Early Learners Academy Update. Rev. Cathy reported that we are expecting the Early Learners Academy to continue to be our tenants through next year.
 - 50th MCCDC Anniversary. No new movement on this. Mama C is pulling some things together from the archives for this.
 - Discussion on the Buchanan Fund. No update.
 - Shout-Outs. Shout out by Chocolatté for Rev. Cathy for all her work on the congregational forum prep. Shout out by Rev. Dwayne for Dr. Carla. Shout out by Chocolatté for everyone that left, he will contact via email. Rev. Cathy gave a shout out to the AV team for their work on Black History Month. Bobbi gave a shout out to worship arts for Black History Month – Eclectic Praise learned a new style of music (Go-go). Rev. Dwayne gave a shout out to Ace for carrying the project forward and Melvin Moore Adams for helping execute the security grant.
 - Scripture and Song for following meeting: Bobbi scripture. Phil – song.
- Announcements/Online Events
- Motion to adjourn – Phil and Chocolatté