



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023, 7PM

Moderator: Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Board Members: Ace 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

- Song Bobbi – Lenny Kravitz “Are you Gonna Go May Way” and Scripture Ace – Matthew 11:28-30.
- Approval of Agenda – Phil and Bobbi. Approved.
- Board Officer Elections
 - =Clerk – Phil expressed interest in staying on as Clerk. Bobbi and Terri motioned Phil. Approved.
 - =Vice Clerk - Bobbi expressed interest in being the Vice Clerk. Phil and Ace nominated. Approved.
 - =Treasurer – Terri expressed interest in staying on as the Treasurer. Chocolatté and Phil. Approved.
 - = Vice Treasurer – Chocolatté expressed interest in the Vice Treasurer. Phil and Terri. Approved.
 - =Vice Moderator - Johanna expressed interest in being the Vice Moderator. Ace and Terri motioned. Approved.
 - =At large - Ace expressed interest in the At-Large position. Phil and Terri motioned. Approved.
- Approval of Meeting minutes from December. Bobbi and Johanna. Approved.
- Consent Calendar –
 - Update on Security Grant (signed in September) – report on progress on the work. Ace reported on the update on the security grant. Erik Colaizzi is going to be the project manager for Clear Connection. Ace, and Pastor Dwayne met with him last Tuesday and reviewed everything that needs to be done with the gate, card reader, etc. Mr. Colaizzi will get back to Ace to schedule the work on the gate.
 - Rev. Cathy asked about the problems with the inside lights as well as the outside lights. Specifically the timer for the lights which is located on the inside of the electrical room.
 - Terri asked about the reimbursement piece and asked Ace to inquire when we might see reimbursement from the grant for these expenditures. Ace took an action to report back on the reimbursement piece.

- Pastoral Report – Motion to receive consent calendar and reports – Phil and Bobbi. Received.
- Treasurer’s Report –
 - Truist General Fund – (-\$8566.14). This is due to the fact that \$79,625.77 is still available from the BHT grant funds
 - Trust Buchanan Fund \$759.82
 - EagleBank Emergency Fund \$21,523.63
 - Charles Schwab \$530,597.80 Far reaching Faith Trust Fund (FRFTF)
 - Of the \$175K approved by the Congregation in June 2021 the remaining balance is \$57,079.98.
 - Electronic payments - Johanna asked why the church hasn’t thought about doing electronic payments from the church to people we write checks to. Rev. Cathy and Chocolate said it was probably due to the need to have 2 check signers and reviewers. Although we could discuss how we could go electronic in the future. Rev Dwayne suggested that due to year end giving statement and the budget activity the following month, we should add this to the agenda for discussion on April’s agenda.
 - Motion to approve Knut Panknin as a back-up signatory. Knut is still listed with the bank and this would give the BOD flexibility. Phil and Terri. Approved.
 - Rev. Dwayne mentioned that Ace has been approved to sign and Chocolatté needs to sign the confidentiality agreement to be able to sign.
 - Terri said in a future BOD meeting she would like the Board’s thoughts on the comingling of the BHT funds with the General Funds. Johanna mentioned that her discomfort comes from the fact that the BHT funds are restricted funds to be used only for certain things. Rev. Dwayne said that anytime someone sees a negative or red ink, that it does raise a flag for the Board. Everyone understands that the BHT funds are restricted and can only be used for certain things, and the fact that we are keeping them separate is adequate enough.
 - Johanna asked about EasyTithe – and perhaps there could be a better service out there. However there could be a challenge if we decide to change from EasyTithe. Johanna is compiling a list of services for the BOD to review in order to be better able to capture donations from various platforms.
 - Motion to receive the Treasurers report: Phil and Johanna. Approved.
- Support for Financial Responsibilities and Processes
 - Signing schedule -
- “Building a Culture of Generosity” update –
 - Legacy Giving Emphasis in January and February and following
 - In Person Informational Session January 22 at 12:30p.m;
 - Virtual Informational Session February 5 at 12:30p.m.
 - Pastor Dwayne reported on the status and progress of the giving campaign. It is recommended that all BOD members either attend one or both of the legacy giving sessions.
 - Rev. Cathy said that people can let us know with a copy of their will, or a card, or something so that the church has notification in the person’s folder of their intentions. Rev. Cathy also knows an estate attorney that will be briefing interested members on how they can create an estate plan with giving intentions.

- Board and Trustee proposed Mentoring and Strategic Retreat
 - The retreat will discuss Legacy Gratitude and Trustee Development, Support
 - Saturday February 11, 10a.m. to 1p.m. or SA February 18 from 10a.m to 1p.m. are proposed possible dates.
 - By a vote of hands the Board indicated that Feb 11th will be best for most all BOD members for the retreat.

- Other items (to be discussed, as needed)
 - AV advancement Project with AVG – Rev. Dwayne indicated we are very excited about developments.
 - Mid-City Development – Johanna said nothing new, other than a picture was sent around. Johanna will resend it as it seems like not everyone received the rendering or had a chance to review it. Dr. Carla said she looks forward to more conversation on this topic as the rendering raised some concern.
 - Executive Session
 - Early Learners Academy Update – Rev Dwayne reported that the Early Learners Academy is growing and is hiring more people.
 - 50th MCCDC Anniversary – Rev. Dwayne reported that we still need to form a committee and begin reaching out on how we can celebrate and bring in the broader community.
 - Discussion on the Buchanan Fund – No update. We may discuss at the retreat.
 - Shout-Outs – Phil gave a shout out to the 12noon prayer group for their prayers. Rev. Cathy gave a shout out to the Generosity team for their calls and Daniel Scarce. Rev. Dwayne gave a shout out to Rev. Cathy for attending the anniversary of Star Parker on short notice and being with the family. Rev. Dwayne gave a shout out to the BOD and the new term, and especially to Bobbi for coming back for a 3rd time.
 - Scripture and Song for following meeting – Phil scripture. Song Chocolatté

- Announcements/Online Events

Motion to adjourn – Ace and Johanna. Approved.