

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 8, 2024

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, John Lankford, Carol Leininger, Beth Hultberg, Judy Hill, Pama Hamlett

Members attended: Ardith Taylor, Sandy Maddox, Pete Muenzen

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Pete suggested we have a fundraiser/donation to collect socks, t-shirts, and underwear for homeless. Further discussion in New Business.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. Tim Corbett made a motion to approve the agenda and John Lankford seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

- **Worship Service**

- Our online presence continues to grow and we have viewers from all over the world. Had a new viewer from Russia! Glen has included information that shows the various countries that viewers are watching from.
- Sunday in-person average for June was 72.

Congregational News

- Bible-in-a-year Study Groups have good participation with approximately 20 individuals.
- Our Soul Matters ongoing series related to personal spirituality and growth is going well with approximately 15 individuals attending.
- Special "Above and Beyond" thank you from the Board to Ardith and Sandy and Merinda and Pete for all of their hard work. Also adding Glen for all the "above and beyond" services he performs every week.

NHC Endowment Fund

- Programs on track to use grant money by end of 2024. Approximately \$23,000 out of \$40,000 spent through June.
- We have been able to directly or indirectly help 22 individuals find housing – some through our own members providing temporary shelter or permanent housing with rent.
- St. Jude's MCC is a permanent member of the NHC Unsheltered Homelessness Strategy Workgroup.

Memorial Wall & Garden

- \$11,000+ raised – contract signed for \$5,000 downpayment.
- Final proof week of July 15th and should be fully installed NLT three weeks.

Building and Expansion & Safety Updates

- Plans for the new building are going well. The Civil Engineer is submitting on Wednesday and hoping we can use our previous plans and not resubmit a new plan. We will know for certain next week.

Office and Administration

- Standard Operating Procedures & Policies (SOPPs) have been completed and copies will be available for the Board members.

Tim Corbett made a motion to approve the Pastor's Report, seconded by John Lankford and unanimously approved.

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** The church had a \$706 loss in June and has a \$2,550 loss for the first half of the year. The entire loss can be attributed to tithes. Tithes are below budget by \$10,500 and below 2023 giving by \$4,800. However, some of this is how we spread out the budget and much of this should be made up at the end of the year as tithes are heavier in October – December.
- **Expenses:** Expenses remain under budget on a YTD basis by \$8,400. More donors are paying the credit card fee via EZTithe than in prior years which is good.
- **Accounts:** The new interest earning bank account earned \$500 in May. YTD is \$1,675.

Pama Hamlett made a motion to approve the Finance Report, Carol Leininger seconded and it was unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Joy will be cleaning the church each Saturday. She did a great job cleaning last week. Will make her aware that the toilet seat in ladies room needs tightening.
- Judy is going to buffer the floor in fellowship hall.
- Judy is going to check with neighbors to see if okay for us to clean around the hedges that are on the side of our church property. She is also going to check with the city regarding the wires coming into the church so our internet capabilities will improve.

FUNDRAISING:

- The Shrimp-a-roo made over \$1,900! A great turnout and John Lankford commended all of those that helped.
- We will have a Yard Sale Saturday, Oct 5.
- The Oyster Roast will be either the second or third week in October.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Food Pantry remains a strong outreach into our community. Good word of mouth. We have a great crew that helps out!
- Our Bagged Lunch Program struggles to locate individuals in need as they continue to get pushed out of temporary campsites. We are currently down from 160 bagged lunches to about 100 bags on Wednesday and 100 bags on Saturday.
- Our numbers continue to increase every week for our Friday breakfast and showers. We will no longer give out bus passes as this had gotten very expensive.

ON GOING BUSINESS:

- MCC Clergy Retreat – Pastor John will be attending Oct 28 – Nov 20.
- Mid-year Congregational Meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 11:30. Will discuss first half 2024 financial update. Will also have our Board of Directors election and Amanda has

volunteered to handle this. We will provide a description of Board of Directors' responsibilities and how congregation members can contact Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor's office is in bad need of repair. The ceiling is falling and is being held up with a pole. Judy is taking care of getting repairs completed.
- We will do a fundraiser for individuals to donate socks, t-shirts, and underwear. Will set up a box in the vestibule for the donations and will also appreciate monetary donations. The Salvation Army has been donating socks and underwear to us and we pass these out on Fridays and also through our Lunch Program to those in need.
- We had an incident last week with an individual that came to the church under the influence of drugs and needed to be removed from the property. Police were called and the individual was issued a No Trespassing citation. The police have suggested we install some type of security cameras. Judy will check into various systems and we will decide which will best suit our needs for the safety of our church and individuals.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.