

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 13, 2025

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, John Lankford, Carol Leininger, Sandy Maddox, Judy Hill, Pete Muenzen, Reverend John McLaughlin
Members Attended: Ardith Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and Reverend John requested the Board move into Executive Session.

OPENING PRAYER:

Reverend John McLaughlin opened the public meeting with a prayer at 5:04pm.

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS:

Ardith Taylor shared that the Lunch with Friends held on February 16th was well attended with ~70 persons in attendance. Attendees commented on how much they enjoyed the food and expressed their appreciation.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTION ITEMS:

AGENDA:

The agenda was reviewed. Tim C. made a motion to approve the agenda and John L. seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

Worship Services

Sunday in-person average for December = 70
Sunday online average views (includes live viewing and recorded video views):
Facebook = 488
YouTube = 68

It was reported the altar top glass was broken and had been ordered for replacement with a cost around \$100.00

AV – Internet Broadcast System

We now have three AV operators: Nick N., Kelly C, Jake W. Thanks expressed for their willingness to assist.
Online views have continued to increase.

Congregational News

New Member class was held Sunday, February 9th and 12 new members are expected to be joining the congregation on February 26th.

Bible-in-a-year – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m., good participation

NHC Endowment Fund

2024 Year-end report submitted on January 10, 2025
Reverend John shared that he had submitted the application for another NHC grant and a decision was expected by February 19th. He noted that continuation of the three feeding ministries depends upon grants – this one and others.

Pete M. made a motion to approve the pastor report and Tim C. seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Budget 2024:

Reverend John stated that a second person needed to be added to the Morgan Stanley account and that Pete M. would be added to the account.

Financials – December 2024:

Pete M. reviewed the January Financials Summary:

January was a challenging month for the church in terms of financials. Tithes were below budget by \$2435 and below 2024 January giving by \$2600. The church lost \$6048 in January versus a budgeted loss of \$3355. This does include \$575 that was carried forward from the 2024 gain and thus reduced the loss.

The lower January tithes might have been influenced by the December 2024 high level of tithes of \$22000 and perhaps some donated in December to take advantage of the tax year.

Expenses were close to budget and the only accounts exceeding the budget was Yard Maintenance (\$200), a bill from 2024 paid in January, and higher than expected supplies \$111 more than budgeted.

Tom J. was asked to include the Easy Tithes income information and the information was shared broken out by category. This was helpful information.

Sandy M. made a motion to approve the Finance Report and John L. seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

BUILDING & GROUNDS AND RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Judy H. gave an update on the following items:

Security Cameras – Judy was asked if the existing cameras could be monitored by both a monitor at St. Jude’s and provide via phone an alert of activity at the site. The question also arose about being able to speak through the camera. Judy said she did not currently have the answers and would investigate.

Reverend John shared one camera on the outside of the building had been vandalized. Judy said she would have it replaced.

New flood lights update – Flood lights have been replaced with new ones.

Buffing dining room floor – The floors will be buffed, but only after the building and bathroom renovations are complete.

Sanctuary ceiling – Cleaning and painting completed. Additionally, vents were cleaned, walls were cleaned and the closer on the door was fixed, as well as offices were deep cleaned. \$1,250 was paid for these projects.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Nothing to report.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Feeding Ministries:

Food Pantry remains a strong outreach into our community. Food distribution occurs the 1st and 3rd Tuesday with 70 families served.
Bagged Lunch Program - Weekly delivering 280 bags to those in need.
Numbers continue to grow with over 70 -80 plates served during Friday breakfast. Trying options other than bacon and eggs due to rising prices.

Expansion Update:

Sandy M. shared the permit to build has been approved and we may move forward. Erosion control and grading has begun. Still waiting for Duke Energy to come and replace old pole and install one new pole in the corner of the property to reroute area light wire.

Bathroom Update:

Sandy M. stated she had been reviewing flooring materials and share some LVP with the Board approving of the color selection for the floor and the walls. More work to do to determine cabinet color and countertop materials and color.

SOPs Update:

Tim C. shared that work to update the SOPs would start again in late February.

Security Team:

Nothing to report at this time.

T-Shirts:

Pete M. went and picked up 50 shirt and shared samples with the Board. Colors are purple and blue with white logo. The Board approved of colors and the design. Pete said he would offer them to the congregation for purchase on Sundays after church at \$20 per shirt.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Calendar of Events

- *Update on completion?* It is for the most part done and is located in Lonnie's office.
- *How will it be communicated?* Information will be provided in E-Jude and Weekly brochure.
- *Who will it be communicated to?* The Congregation

Status of Website Photo Directory

Reverend John shared about 30 people had their photos taken. Does not seem to be something everyone is buying into. The directory is to be password protected so it was recommended only those having had their picture taken would have access to the password.

CLOSING PRAYER - Reverend John McLaughlin at 5:40pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED BY PASTOR

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.