

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 13, 2024

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: None

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: April 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.

Congregational News

- We currently have two Bible Study Groups and both are well attended.
- Starting next month we will have a new group meeting called Soul Matters. This will focus on those going through some hard times. First meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jun 5 at 2:00.

Building and Expansion & Safety Updates

- Plans for the new building are going well. Sandy Maddox is working with someone who does this type of work and has provided an estimated quote of \$140,000 which would be for everything. We will also get another bid from one of the companies we worked with on our original plans for expansion. The Civil Engineer has stated that our previous plans should be okay with amendments however the paving may affect the drainage so that may require some changes. The work plan includes updates to our bathrooms but this is not included in the estimate we received for the new building.

Office and Administration

- Nothing to report.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Tithes are \$6,420 below budget on a YTD basis. This is a major concern and we discussed ways we could somehow increase our Tithes. It was decided that we would bring this up at the Congregational Meeting held in July and see if the congregation had any ideas on how to bring more money into the church. One Sunday after the Congregational Meeting Pastor John will do a sermon on blessings and giving to our church.
- **Expenses:** Expenses were \$5,400 below budget on a YTD basis.
- **Accounts:** The new interest-bearing account earned \$550 in March. YTD is \$680. This will be transferred to the main account periodically, but it's better to leave in the interest

bearing account to earn more interest.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- The new doors to the office are scheduled to be installed this Saturday.
- Luciano will fix the hole that is in the driveway.
- Memorial Wall – Hoping to have done in 6 – 8

FUNDRAISING:

- The Shrimp-a-roo is scheduled for May 25. Glen will advertise this online. Hard to get a number of attendees due to online purchases but hopeful for a good turnout. Folks can also use a Venmo Account which Pastor John will work on and Glen may also be able to get a QR Code so individuals can just pay thru that using their telephones.
- John Lankford asked for any suggestions on other fundraising ideas.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Food Pantry – All going well with the Food Pantry. We have been getting a good selection of meats from the Food Bank and Publix and also able to provide a good array of foods to our clients.
- Our Bagged Lunch Program is providing about 300 bagged lunches each week. There is a camp closing with about 30 people so we will need to find their new location.
- Our numbers continue to increase every week for our Friday breakfast and showers. We are going to start a new policy that individuals can only take one to go breakfast meal because we have been seeing a substantial increase in the amount of food takeouts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mid-year Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Jul 21. At this meeting we will discuss financials and also elect Board of Directors for the next two years. We will need to elect one new board member.
- MCC Clergy Retreat – The Board unanimously agreed that Pastor John will go on this Clergy Retreat which will be one week in November. We will raise as much of the \$6,000 as possible during Pastor Appreciation Month. This will be a good way for members to show their appreciation for all the wonderful works Pastor John does for us all.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.