

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, John Lankford, Carol Leininger, Beth Hultberg, Sandy Maddox
Absent: Judy Hill
Members attended: Ardith Taylor, Pete Muenzen

OPENING PRAYER: Reverend McLaughlin

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Ardith expressed appreciation to Pete for conducting a meeting about the Breakfast and Shower Program (BSP) Volunteer Guidelines. Pete inquired about a supply checklist for the supplies associated with the food ministries. One does not currently exist.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTION ITEMS:

- **Review Board Responsibilities in By-Laws**
 - The Board was provided a copy of Article 5 of the by-laws and asked to review. This information addresses the responsibilities and roles of the Board of Directors.
- **Distribute Standard Operating Procedures and Policies (SOPPs)**
 - Board members were asked to review the SOPPs and provide any changes/additions needed by the next Board Meeting. It was noted any changes to the SOPPs is the responsibility of the Board.
- **Appoint 2024-2025 Board Officers and Assign Responsibilities**
 - The 2024-25 Board of Directors were identified with responsibilities:
 - Moderator – Reverend McLaughlin; Vice-Moderator – Tim Corbett; Treasurer – Beth Hultberg; Sandy Maddox – Clerk: Judy Hill - Building and Grounds; John Lankford – Fundraising; Carol Leininger – At-Large.
 - All Board Members were asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 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.
Sunday online average (Facebook + YouTube) ~ 250
 - Sunday in-person average for July was 72.
- **AV – Internet Broadcast System**
 - Both Facebook and YouTube both experiencing externally generated problems - Takes a lot of weekly troubleshooting before and during broadcast.
 - Updated equipment and software upgrades on the horizon. Need to identify additional operators to be trained under Glenn asap.
- **Congregational News**
 - New Member Class – proposed for Sunday, September 15th
 - Bible-in-a-Year Study Groups ~ 20 individuals. Good group!
 - Our Soul Matters ongoing series related to personal spirituality and growth. Next session TBD in September.

- **St. Jude's 'Brand' – easily communicating our mission and vision**
 - **Discover. Grow. Feed.**
 - **Discover** the life you were meant to have. (John 10:10) Abundant life
 - **Grow** in faith, spirituality, and personal awareness. (Romans 12:2) Transform
 - **Feed** body, mind, soul (Matthew 5:1-10; 25:34-45) Sermon on the Mount; Least of these (John 6:1-14) Feeding the 5,000
- **NHC Endowment Fund**
 - **Mid-Year Review**
 - Food Ministry Programs on track to use grant money by end of 2024. Approximately \$31,000 out of \$40,000 spent through July.
 - All food ministries are functioning at a high level with the assistance of a strong team of volunteers.
 - Showers & Breakfast – have resulted in increased cooperation with other agencies/service providers to get services to our clients and to find housing. Through this collaboration, we have helped 22 individuals find housing – some through our own members providing temporary shelter or permanent housing with rent.
- **Memorial Wall & Garden**
 - Installation (weather permitting) is slated for the week of August 19th.
 - The wall can hold 96 names with 26 currently designated as purchased.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Giving was up in July and above budget for the month of July. Tithes remain below 2023 giving by \$6,000 as July 2023 tithes were over \$18,000. However, the church reduced the budget deficit for tithes in July by over \$1,000 (see gift description below). July reflects a gain of \$2,659 for the month and this brings the church to a breakeven status for July YTD.
 - Important Gifts
 - Received a stock transfer into Morgan Stanley account.
 - Received a donation from the Herbst estate.
 - Received donations in memory of Elizabeth Dunn for the Food Programs.
- **Expenses:** Expenses remain under budget on a YTD basis by \$9,500. More donors are paying the credit card fee via EZTithe than in prior years which has reduced expenses also.
- **Accounts:** The new interest earning bank has earned \$2,150 YTD.

Tim Corbett made a motion to approve the Finance Report, John Lankford seconded and it was unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- A motion was made by Beth Hultberg to accept the recommendation to enlist the services of a new cleaning service and pay a monthly cleaning cost of \$500. John Lankford seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- A window in dining room was cracked. Will be seeking a replacement.
- Judy is working to get the dining room ceiling replaced and to have security camera wiring installed when ceiling replacement occurs.

FUNDRAISING:

- The Yard Sale will be Saturday, Oct 5. (Riverfest Weekend)
- The Oyster Roast will be Saturday, October 19.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Feeding Ministries:**
 - Food Pantry remains a strong outreach into our community. Food distribution occurs every other Tuesday with 50 – 70 families served each of these days. Thanks to a great crew that helps out!
 - Bagged Lunch Program Volunteers are working hard to locate those clients as they continue to get pushed out of temporary campsites. Weekly delivering 200 bags to those in need.
 - Numbers continue to remain 100+ plates served during Friday breakfast and showers.

- **Expansion Update:**
 - Received approval from city to begin construction with landscaping/drainage plan. Awaiting receipt of formal plan.
 - To meet the required landscape plan, we will need to investigate the renewal of an irrigation system to include a water source (well) and pump etc. Proposals will be provided for review in September. A portion of this cost will be offset by a grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club.

- **MCC Clergy Retreat:**
 - Pastor John will be attending Oct 28 – Nov 20.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MCC Flourish Program**
 - Tony Freeman will be providing Leadership Development training – purpose is to identify the next generation of leaders within the church community.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.