

**ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 21, 2023**

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

Rev. John McLaughlin opened the meeting in prayer at 5:00 PM.

**COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS:** None

**OVERVIEW OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Each board member was provided with a copy of the By-Laws for our church. Discussed the By-Laws and responsibilities of the board members.

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS:** The following members were unanimously appointed as Directors:

Vice Moderator – Tim Corbett  
Clerk – Pama Hamlett  
Finance – Beth Hultberg  
Building & Grounds – Judy Hill  
Clerk – Pama Hamlett  
Fundraising – John Lankford

**AGENDA:** The agenda was reviewed. Carol Leininger 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 Services**
  - Our worship services are exploding! In-person attendance continues to grow with the past four weeks surpassing attendance records for more than five years.
  - Wednesday Meditation has been suspended.
  - Monday Mornings with Pastor John continues to draw about 30 views each week.
  - With our worship service numbers increasing there may be a need for more seating in the sanctuary. Since our current chairs are on the larger side (23") we could possibly replace some chairs with smaller seats. This could provide an extra seat for each row (keeping some seats the size they are now). This will be discussed further at a later date.
- **Online Presence**
  - Great numbers for online services. Online views continue to increase to include full service broadcasts and recordings, posted videos of the choir and the sermon, targeted advertising locally, nationally, and internationally by Glen. We even had an online viewer from Zimbabwe!

- **Congregational News**
  - African American-centric service – This a new service that will be held monthly beginning Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 PM. These services will be targeted towards African Americans however anyone can attend. Pastor John will announce these new services at our regular Sunday service.
- **Building Expansion & Safety Updates**
  - Emergency door installed in sanctuary.
  - Electrical outlets installation has been completed and a new permit from the Fire Department received.
  - Currently waiting on drawings from Goodrich Architects for building expansion. Should receive within 30 Days and then we can go out for bids on the construction.
  - Air conditioner making a noise. Waiting on part to arrive and will be fixed soon. A suggestion was made to install a dehumidifier that could possibly alleviate the air conditioner from running all of the time during worship services.
  - Memorial Wall and Garden – approved. \$9,000+ raised. Contract signed for \$5,000 downpayment.
  - Labyrinth – new landscaping to include memorial garden.
  - Will be putting in safety bars in restrooms or possibly risers under toilets for better accessibility for handicapped.
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- **Media & Production System**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Office & Administration**
  - Putting together a new Directory. Should be coming out soon.
- **Community Presence**
  - Homeless Ministries – Have been in touch with NHC Outreach Services (TR Nunley) for on-all, onsite assistance with case management, adult/family housing options, mental health, crisis management. If crisis arises, we can call NHC Outreach Services for assistance.
  - Mental Health Response Training – Would provide training on how we can better handle a crisis involving mental health/substance abuse individuals.

Tim Corbett made a motion to approve the Pastor's Report, seconded by Pama Hamlett and was unanimously approved.

### **FINANCE REPORT:**

- **Tithes:** The church recovered from a tithes that were less than budget to being above budget again. On a YTD basis the church is \$7,200 above expectations and above 2022 giving by over \$10,500.
- **Expenses:** Expenses are below budget by \$4,200 and about \$1,500 above 2022 spending.

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

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS:**

- The back door in the fellowship hall will be repaired Thursday, August 24.
- Grass will be cut on Thursday afternoons.
- The Sanctuary is being painted next week. The cost is \$1,200. Walls will be light blue and floor will be gray.

**FUNDRAISING:** Nothing to report.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- Bag Lunch Program – Numbers have increased for both Wednesdays and Saturdays to 110-115 individuals. New camp on Kerr Avenue we are delivering to which has about 40 people. In need of drivers for Saturdays. Will announce this at Sunday service and hopefully will be able to get more volunteers.
- Food Pantry – Numbers have increased and quite a few new individuals have started coming.
- Shower trailer and breakfast on Fridays – Over 50 people last Friday! This has become a huge success with rewarding, wonderful results. Will also include a Spa day on the last Friday of the month. John Lankford will provide haircuts and Ann will be giving manicures and pedicures.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Anniversary Sunday – September 3. This will also be a brunch day.
- Discussed adding information to the Bulletin each Sunday to include attendance record and a finance report. Carol will check and see how this was previously done in the past. More to follow on this.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.