

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 8, 2021

Board Members Present: Amy Lewis, Susan Lynch, John Lankford and Donna Hinson
Absent: Tim Corbett and Leeann Carpenter

Rev. John McLaughlin opened the meeting in prayer at 5:34 p.m.

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: *non present*

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTION ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Consent approval of February minutes (via email)

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN: Rev. McLaughlin presented a written report for the Board which is available in the church office.

- Facebook Fundraiser for Pastor's 10th Anniversary – reported income of approximately \$6,500 (final tally not in yet from Facebook contributions)
- Church services remain at 25 attendees with all protection requirements.
 - Online viewing weekly averages YouTube=43 Facebook 84
 - Easter – two services (9am & 11am) FB & YouTube will cover both
- Monday Morning Minutes February Average YouTube=30
- Congregational News
 - Three (or five) new members – plan to bring in on Easter
 - Brick laying ceremonies TBD for Sandy Lee and Jim Burton
- Outreach efforts
 - Pastor John McLaughlin was elected to Board of Frank Harr Foundation.
 - SAGE Steering Committee
 - Mouth of Babes Theatre – podcasts; Oyster Roast (March 27)
- Coronavirus
 - PPP Loan – 2020 loan forgiven; not eligible for 2021
- Building and Space Considerations
 - Building Schedule – Sunday services & fellowship, food ministries, AA, Care ministry, bible study, Girl Schouts, Choir, DHS kids, etc.
 - Response from SunTrust – No, not now. Provided feedback.
 - Increase income per giving unit; increase giving units
 - Proven ability to meet budgets, including a \$2,000 (?) monthly mortgage
 - Next Steps
 - Civil engineering – need to schedule

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- Tithes – Below Budget (\$3,319) but above 2020 Tithes +\$1,796
- Unrestricted Fundraising – A budget line was added in for the \$9,450 fundraising or \$788/month. In the fundraising category the church is \$2,377 favorable on a YTD basis. This YTD fundraising represents part of the Pastor's Anniversary fund (more income to come when we receive the Facebook check)
- Building Expenses (\$786 over budget), major items were
 - Utility/Gas \$350 over budget
 - Building Maintenance \$186 over budget as expenses are \$586 YTD
 - Yard Maintenance over budget \$240 as a 2020 expense was paid in January 2021

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Shrubs were trimmed and yard debris cleared. HVAC filters have been ordered.

FUNDRAISING: *nothing to report*

STEWARDSHIP: *removed from Agenda for now*

LAY DELEGATE: *currently not applicable*

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Program Updates –**
 - Food Pantry served 200 families consisting of 608 people in February. Food, cleaning supplies and toiletry items were given out to last 3 plus days for each family during.
 - Bag Lunch Program served 640 lunches to the homeless on Wednesday's and Saturdays in the month of February. 30 sleeping bags and clothing items were passed out throughout the month.
 - SunTrust Bank – *see Pastor's Report*
 - Architect meeting – General Contractors – next steps

NEW BUSINESS:

- Done - 2021 Planning schedule (building use, open/close hours)
- Done - Girl Scouts request for meeting space from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Meeting adjourned: 6:11 p.m.