

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 13, 2023

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, John Lankford, Carol Leininger, Denise Copeland, Pama Hamlett. Absent: Michael Moore

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

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: No meeting in January.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- **Worship Services**
 - In-Person Services 68
 - On-Line Services FB 100 YouTube 40
 - Monday Morning Minutes YouTube 40
 - Wednesday Meditation 10

- **Grants / Donor Cultivation**
 - Will be applying for the Catherine Kennedy Foundation Fund in support of our feeding programs.
 - Working on grants to meet deadlines.

- **Building Expansion**
 - New set of simple edition architectural drawings approved by board. Working with Goodrich Architects.
 - Have received two estimates for the Sanctuary Emergency Door. Both estimates between \$7,000-\$8,000. Board approved going forward with Tholen Construction Services (\$7,000) to complete this project. Will also need a small landing outside of door.

- **Media & Production System**
 - Website redesign completed.
 - Good results from paid advertising and free boosting of videos on Facebook and YouTube.

- **Office & Administration**
 - Nothing to report.

- **Congregational News**
 - New Membership Class was held on Sunday, February 12 and the following 11 individuals attended: Kaye Moody, Lee Stalligs, Jeff Gerhart, Becki Hicks, Fred Duefield, Janet Duefield, Sandy Maddox, Ardith Taylor, Brenda Pazar, Sam and Rick. These individuals are scheduled to join the church on Sunday, February 19 during our worship service.
 - King Cake bake-off scheduled for Sunday, February 19. Interest has been great and appears participation will be huge.

- Lent groups begin week of February 20 with a class on Tuesdays and a class on Thursdays.
 - Cleaning Day at St. Jude's will be Saturday, March 25 at 11:00.
 - ROTA training TBD.
 - (Homo)sexuality and the Bible TBD.
- **Community Presence**
 - Mosaic UMC has started meeting here on Sundays at 5:00. They are utilizing full property (sanctuary and dining hall).
 - Bingo – Friday, March 17 at 6:00.
 - Mouths of Babes Theatre Company sponsor.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes** – Tithes continued their high levels we experienced in the last quarter of 2022. Tithes were \$4,000 above January 2022 giving and \$3,300 above the budget for January 2023.
- **Extraordinary income** – Included a \$1,250 gift for the Sunday flowers; a \$2,500 gift from the foundation in support of the "Easter Candle" and the Kidder Camp; and a \$2,500 gift from the foundation in support of the new signage on the building.
- **Expenses** – An over budget office expense was in error in the amount of \$579.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Memorial Wall – Two people will be helping to fund this project and we can also get money from foundation. Will make an announcement to the congregation about the Memorial Wall and will request donations. Names will be sandblasted in wall and will request \$300 per name.

FUNDRAISING:

- John Lankford stated the following fundraisers are scheduled: Yard Sale – Apr 15 (will get a banner for advertising that will be set out on Monday prior to yard sale and can be used for all upcoming yard sales); Shrimp a Roo – May 20; Oyster Roast – November 4
- Possibility of a ball sometime next February. John and Ann working on this and more information to follow.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Feeding Program updates – Our numbers for our Bag Lunch Program has decreased significantly (down from 100 bags to 70 bags) due to the camps being shut down countywide. Churches are starting to work together to help homeless find shelters. Paster John went to meeting and more to follow on what our role will be. Paster John and Rosemary met with Deb Hayes for suggestions on how we can help with the

homeless.

- A new proposal to help provide the homeless with portable showers called Vigilant Hope will begin soon. The main site for the portable showers will be near Greenfield Lake but will be able to be set up in other areas since they are portable. Discussed providing our church grounds and water for the portable showers on Friday mornings. No meetings held at the church on Friday mornings so this would be a good time. John Lankford made a motion to approve this and Carol Leininger seconded and it was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Food Pantry is going well. Our grant money is almost depleted and hoping for additional funds. We did receive monetary donations for gift cards that were distributed to our clients for Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A member of our church brought up the subject of safety to Pastor John. After a discussion, the item was tabled while more information can be gathered.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.