

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 11, 2024

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Merinda and Pete Muenzen attended meeting. Both stated St. Jude's is the most inclusive and welcoming church they have ever been to and Pastor John's sermons and wonderful and on point!

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

- **Worship Services**
 - Sunday in-person average for February was 73. We continue to grow!
 - Our online presence average is 140 each week (Facebook and You Tube)

Congregational News

- Our African American-centric service is going great. We have a new musician, Jarod Michael Cline, who is a guitarist. We will pay him \$100 a month for his beautiful music. Tithes each month during these services average \$660.00.
- Bible-in-a-year sessions have started. Good participation (20 people).

Building and Expansion & Safety Updates

- Expansion effort canceled at February Board Meeting due to cost.
- Initial stages of new effort to scope out having a free standing building built in back. Approximate size will be 30' x 40' and will possibly add showers. Sandy Maddox knows someone that does site planning and can give us an estimate.
- Memorial Wall and Garden – Still no word. The hold up is getting the granite. Hopefully will hear something soon.

Office and Administration

- SOPPs have been completed by Glen.
- Will need to make sure new policies are added to the SOPPs.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Tithes were \$2,500 below budget and are \$4,900 below budget on a YTD basis.
- **Expenses:** Expenses were below expectations by nearly \$1,800 helping to get the church closer to breakeven.
- **Moving Funds:** The church opened a new interest bearing "long term" reserves bank account for \$155,000; transferred from the older "building reserve" bank account.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Debris in the field is gone.
- Our Landscaper (Luciano) will be fixing the bump in the driveway.
- Judy will be taking care of fire ants.

FUNDRAISING:

- Yard Sale is scheduled for April 7
- Shrimp-a-roo is scheduled for May 11

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Food Pantry – We have the new refrigerator and freezer installed. These were wonderful additions for our feeding programs. Merinda and Pete Muenzen are new volunteers to our Food Pantry. We welcome them!
- We are currently feeding about 200 individuals a week in our Bag Lunch Program.
- We have about 100 individuals that come for breakfast and showers on Fridays.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MCC App has 98 downloads. This offers bible readings out loud different versions. Has helped with bible study group.
- AV System – Glen is exploring new ideas. This AV system could provide a tv/monitor mounted at alter and would show words to lyrics of songs, sermons, photos, etc. for congregation and online viewers to see. Approximate cost would be \$1,500 and would cover all costs including the power point program. More on this to follow.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.