

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

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Nick Nguy attended meeting.

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: January minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- **Worship Services**
 - We continue to get new people coming to church.
 - Our online presence continues to grow. Facebook growing (80%) and YouTube (20%). 250 views each month.
 - St. Jude's APP – 90 individuals have this APP. Due to renew in April and need to decide if worth continuing. Pastor John will check with congregation on who is using this APP.

- **Building Expansion & Safety Updates**
 - Received quotes from three contractors: 1.25 Million; \$780,000; \$792,000. These quotes are considerably higher than anticipated. The Board unanimously agreed to NOT do the expansion.
 - Discussed possibly having a building built in back for our feeding programs. We will discuss this further at a later date.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Tithes were \$2,400 below budget. However, Beth spoke to Tom regarding this and tithes are not down per sec as last January money was carried over. Will look at next three months for better comparison.
- **Expenses:** Expenses were over budget due to an extra \$1,000 paid for tithes for prior month.
- **Moving Funds:** Adding \$3,000 monthly to Morgan Stanley account from building fund. Account doing really well @ 9% interest. Will continue to do this. Currently have \$162,000 in this account.
- **Other Accounts:** Truist Operating Account currently have \$74,125 and \$149,131 in Fixed Account. We can get 4 ½% interest in a Money Market Account. Beth made a motion to move the \$149,131 currently in the Fixed Account to a Money Market Account, Tim seconded, and this was unanimously approved. We will set up this new account next week with Pastor John, Tim, Carol, Beth, and Judy being on the account.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Debris in the field will be gone this week.
- Bushes have been cut back and completed weed and feed of all areas.

FUNDRAISING:

- Exceeded our goal for computer equipment fundraiser.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Bag Lunch Program – We are currently feeding about 100 individuals on Wednesday and 100 individuals on Saturday.
- Food Pantry – Mike Safrit and Judy Hill both will check on prices for an industrial size freezer. We currently have \$3,000 in foundation funds for this freezer.
- Shower trailer and breakfast on Fridays having about 70 individuals (mostly for breakfast).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carol stated some individuals have complained to her about people sleeping in the church. The three individuals that were previously staying here are gone, however it appears some individuals have access to the keys and have been staying here. We need to increase the security of the lock box so this does not continue to happen. We will re-evaluate this at next board meeting. Pastor John did have the lock combination changed.
- The Conference Room is in poor condition and needs to be cleaned out. We will need to take action on this issue.
- Nick suggested we install mini-split systems to help decrease our utility costs. This would supplement our current HVAC system. Nick will get more information about the cost of these systems and we will re-evaluate at a later date.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.