

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 10, 2023

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

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: None

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. The Board voted unanimously to approve Judy Hill as the new Board Member replacing Denise Copeland. Carol Leininger made a motion to approve and John Lankford seconded. Tim Corbett made a motion to approve the agenda and John Lankford seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- **Worship Services**
 - In-Person Services 72
 - On-Line Services FB 200(Thanks to Glenn!) YouTube 50
 - Monday Morning Minutes 36
 - Wednesday Meditation 10

- **Online Presence**
 - Explosive growth through targeted advertising on Facebook
 - March Website – Started with 40 and now 500 visits from 23 countries.
 - March Facebook – Over 3,000 video views. Videos now posted for Sunday Service, Donna Merritt solo, and Sermon.

- **Grants / Donor Cultivation**
 - Awarded \$2,000 from Catherine Kennedy Foundation for food ministries.
 - Received \$8,000 through the New Hanover County Endowment Fund and now awaiting new round.
 - Not certain if Food Pantry will be awarded shopping credit for 2023 from the Food Bank.
 - Sandy Maddox good with requesting Grants. May be able to get funds for church expansion.

- **Building Expansion**
 - Goodrich Architects – waiting on new set of architectural drawings that will only be for building of additional room for our food ministries.

- **Media & Production System**
 - Nothing to report....except amazing! Thanks to Glenn and his hard work on this.

- **Safety Initiatives**
 - Sanctuary Emergency Door proposal – City has not issued permits yet.
 - Safety training with New Hanover County Sheriff Department scheduled for Sunday, April 23.
 - Safety Team - TBD

- **Office & Administration**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Congregational News**
 - 103 individuals attended Easter service and 80 attended the luncheon.
- **Community Presence**
 - Mosaic UMC going well. Not sure how long they will utilize our church.
 - Expanded cooperation with OWLS of Wilmington activities.
 - June event (Pride) to support St. Jude's and open doors.
 - Mouths of Babes Theatre Company sponsor. St. Jude's Day at the Theatre will be Sunday, Apr 30 @ 2:00 pm.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes** – Tithes were slightly above budget for March.
- **Extraordinary income** – Our income is above budget due to the rental of church. Do we want to put those funds somewhere else? TBD.
- **Expenses:** Expenses are slightly under budget.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Memorial Wall – \$10,000 raised (to purchase space on wall). Contract signed for \$5,000 downpayment.
- Labyrinth – New landscaping to include memorial garden. Have started working on this and approved to go with it.
- The Cleanup went very well. Goal was met!
- Doorbell now repaired and rings only in the office. Now have wireless so can ring elsewhere.
- Back door – Needs to be repaired as catch doesn't actually shut and lock. Getting rid of key pad and will go to a key system only. Michael will take care of getting new locks for back and front doors.

FUNDRAISING:

- John Lankford stated the Yard Sale is scheduled for April 15. Shrimp A Roo is on calendar and scheduled for May 20.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Feeding Program updates – Our numbers for our Bag Lunch Program continues to decrease due to the county restricting homeless from sleeping or leaving personal effects on county property. Trying to find new areas to distribute lunches.
- Food Pantry is going well. The new Food Bank will be opening this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The shower trailer with portable showers will now be available on our church grounds for those in need each Friday from 9:00 – 12:00 beginning this Friday, April 14. Pastor John will pick up on Thursdays and take back to a church on Wilshire.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.