

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 8, 2024

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Pete MUenzen, Sandy Maddox, and Ardith Taylor attended meeting.

Pete suggested we have a volunteer appreciation recognition. We have done these in the past where we recognize our volunteers. Last year we had a volunteer appreciation brunch in September and we will plan to have another event sometime this year.

Sandy and Ardith voiced concerns with the way the Easter Sunday Brunch was handled. Our homeless community was invited yet they were not included in the actual luncheon. Tables and take out boxes were set up outside for them and the door was locked so they could not even come in to be served. Sadly, they did not feel welcomed. This will be discussed and corrected actions will be taken for future events.

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: March minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

- **Worship Service**
 - We had 110 individuals attend our Easter Sunday Service.
 - Our online presence has had a 30% increase from last year. Over 200 people watch online weekly.

Congregational News

- Nothing to report.

Building and Expansion & Safety Updates

- Making plans for a stand alone building to be built in the back for mainly our Food Pantry (storage and distribution). Sandy Maddox is working with someone who does this type of work and we will also get another bid from one of the companies we worked with on our original plans for expansion. The Civil Engineer will be coming to discuss and hopefully will get approval in the next week or two. Building will be approximately 30' x 40'.

Office and Administration

- Nothing to report.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Tithes are \$5,927 below budget on a YTD basis.
- **Expenses:** Expenses were \$1,500 below expectations. Key favorable items include: Normal Maintenance (\$782), Supplies (\$292), Utilities (\$800).
- **Accounts:** The new interest-bearing account earned \$141 in February (partial month), interest reported will always be one month behind. We will transfer the interest to the church account on a quarterly basis. The Morgan Stanley account earned \$4,700 for the first two months of 2024. We continue to transfer \$3,000 each month into Morgan Stanley from the Interest-Bearing Account from funds given for the building expansion. The Morgan Stanley balance is \$176,000.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Something needs to be done about the back door as currently anyone can get in. It will be very expensive to replace. Pete will check and see if a plate can be placed on the door by the lock to prevent anyone from jimmying the lock. This would at least be a short term fix.

FUNDRAISING:

- \$400 was raised at the Yard Sale.
- Shrimp-a-roo is scheduled for May 11. Tickets will be \$30. Everything is donated for this event so all funds will be profit.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Food Pantry – We have three new freezers and one refrigerator which have been wonderful additions. Many thanks to our volunteers who help with this.
- Numbers have increased for our Bagged Lunch Program to about 140 on Wednesdays and 140 on Saturdays.
- Our numbers continue to increase every week for our Friday breakfast and showers. Our monthly haircuts continue to be very popular! Hoping to extend this service to twice a month in the future.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.