

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8, 2023

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

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: Dwayne Thomas thanked the Board for what we do.

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: April minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- **Worship Services**
 - Great numbers for worship services.
- **Online Presence**
 - Great numbers for online services.
- **Grants/Donor Cultivation**
 - Over \$31,000 has been received for special ministries, this includes a \$3,00 gift for new hymnals and \$12,100 raised for the memorial wall.
- **Building Expansion**
 - Received copy of proposed floor plan for building expansion. Will be the same size as the Fellowship Hall.
 - Ballpark figure around \$250,000. This will include built in racks but not the HVAC or refrigerators/freezers. Will also include bathrooms being redone.
 - Expansion Committee – Judy will head up committee consisting of Judy, Carol, Pastor John, and two individuals from congregation.
 - Was suggested we put in two showers in expansion area. We will need to get drawings and then the cost to add these.
 - Will present to congregation at the Midyear Congregational Meeting which will be held in mid July.
- **Media & Production System**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Safety Initiatives**
 - Safety training with New Hanover County Sheriff Department scheduled for Sunday, May 21.
- **Office & Administration**
 - Internet has been down for almost a week.
- **Congregational News**
 - Board of Elections and Financial update tentatively scheduled for Jul 16.

- **Community Presence**

- Mosaic UMC has found a space to move into so will probably only rent from us for another month or two.

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

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes** – Tithes are \$9,000 above 2022 giving levels!
- **Expenses:** Expenses are favorable and \$4,063 below budget for 2023.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Labyrinth has been cleaned. Have moved brick path for more memorial garden/wall room.

FUNDRAISING:

- Shrimp-A-Roo is scheduled for May 20. John is hoping for 60-80 to attend.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Bag Lunch Program – Our Market Street count has increased to 40 bags on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Food Pantry – The new Food Bank has opened and several individuals from congregation attended grand opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The shower trailer with portable showers is going well. Numbers have increased each week. Some come for the breakfast only but still good to have them come.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.