

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2023

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

Absent: Judy Hill

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: None

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: August minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- **Worship Services**
 - Our Worship service numbers continue to increase.
- **Online Presence**
 - Glen has posted a Church Welcoming Message on Facebook ad. 3% of the time people have clicked on the ad which is good. These ads are targeted for viewing audiences ages 55 and up. He will start in the next few weeks with ads for a larger demographic (younger audience).
- **Building Expansion & Safety Updates**
 - The architect has finished the drawings with Civil Engineer. Once we receive we can put out to bid.

FINANCE REPORT:

- **Tithes:** Tithes returned to being above budget in August, and YTD we are \$10,200 above budgeted giving and almost \$15,000 above 2022 giving.
- **Expenses:** Expenses remain below budget by \$4,700.
- **Moving Funds:** Given that the stock market volatility has returned to normal, request authorization to move \$4,000 a month to the Morgan Stanley Account from the Building Account. Given an average of 4% gain in stock values (long term), we would gain \$2,000 per year for the building expansion as the current building account with Truist Bank earns no interest. Carol Leninger made a motion to approve and Pama Hamlett seconded with the motion being passed unanimously. Beth will talk to Tom regarding some alternate money making accounts.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- The back door was repaired but the mechanism on door is not working properly. Door needs to be slammed to ensure closure.
- The hole in the wall from the door to fellowship hall needs to be repaired. Carol will talk to Judy regarding this.
- Pastor John will speak with Judy about checking the Building Insurance.

FUNDRAISING:

- John will be having a Yard Sale on October 7. Will announce Sunday for donations but donations need to be in good shape and do not bring donations early!
- Oyster Roast is scheduled for November 11.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Bag Lunch Program – Numbers have increased for both Wednesdays and Saturdays to about 120 individuals. In need of drivers for Saturday. Firehouse Subs donated a large quantity of subs, milk and fruit that were to be for volunteers for hurricane relief. Fortunately, volunteers were not needed so Firehouse Subs donated to us.
- Food Pantry – Effective last week the Food Pantry will only be open every other Tuesday. This is because the Food Bank that provides us with the majority of our food items is not getting as many donations at this time. Therefore, our items that we provide are far less than normal.
- Shower trailer and breakfast on Fridays – Going well. Have about 40 each week with 50-60 here for breakfast. We have volunteers for this program that are not members of this church (i.e. volunteers last week were from a fraternity from the college) so word is getting out about this wonderful program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carol will update blue slips to include the question "how did you hear about us" (i.e. Instagram, You Tube, Facebook, Friend, Other).
- Think about how to increase space in Sanctuary with more and more people attending service.
- New cross to be added to Sanctuary.

CLOSING PRAYER

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.