

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 11, 2007

Approved minutes

Members Present: Andy Ansell, Kimberlee Bach, James Dahlen, Rev. Paul Eknes-Tucker, Steve Robertson, Steve Reinke, Bill Langlois

Excused Absences: Nicky Simon

Guests: Kathy Barclay, Darren Beecher, Frank Kursinsky, Della Linse

Prayer Requests

Steve Robertson offered the opening prayer, after mentioning prayer concerns.

Vision/Mission/Values Statement

Kimberlee Bach read the Vision, Mission, and Values. These are read in the beginning of all Board meetings in an effort to focus on what the congregation has identified as our strategic direction and goals.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with an addition to add the Pillars event at the end.

December 2006 Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent after one minor correction.

Secretary's Report

Kim Bach's written report noted that current church membership stands at 336.

Treasurer's Report

In addition to his written report, James Dahlen moved to remove the current spending authority the BOD previously has given to ministry teams and departments of the church and change to an expenditure request needed before money can be spent from the budget. Steve Robertson seconded.

Andy Ansell asked about the impact on Ministry teams. Steve Robertson noted it depended on how it was presented to them. Steve Robertson then made a friendly amendment of "until the financial situation improves." James accepted the friendly amendment.

The final motion made by James became "James moves to remove the current spending authority the BOD previously has given to ministry teams and departments of the church and change to an expenditure request needed before money can be spent from the budget until the financial situation improves." It passed by unanimous consent.

James will communicate this to the ministry leaders and staff.

There was discussion as it isn't the time to panic quite yet. It can very easily be just a temporary issue. James will look into a reserve line for the checking account.

Andy moved that James opens a credit line attached to the checking account in case of emergencies as over draft protection. Bill Langlois seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

Miracle Sunday Offering

Due to the huge expense we will be facing with the furnace it was decided to use Miracle Sunday to go towards the furnace this year. It will be used to help pay down as much of the cost as possible as quickly as possible.

Kimberlee Bach moved to earmark all the Miracle Sunday Offering to go towards the Heat Project in 2007. Steve Reinke seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

Property Team

Besides the written report submitted, they called out specifically the Church Asset Management report. They need us to give them a plan, a time frame, for how we will address each of the issues.

Rev. Eknes-Tucker suggested we plan the Miracle Sunday 2008 to fund the needs outlined in the Church Asset Management report. A letter needs to be written to the company to let them know what actions we are taking. In 2007 we will start working on the electrical, hold special fundraising in 2008 for the other items, and in regards to the sidewalks, we will wait for the city's 2009/2010 scheduled repair. Kathy Barclay said she would draft the letter.

Rev. Eknes-Tucker moved to include all priority 1 rated items from the Church Asset Management report, in Miracle Sunday 2008, beyond the one's not already dealt with in 2007. James seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

Kathy Barclay brought up the issue about candle use in the sanctuary. There have been two recent uses of candles, one by an outside group and the other our Christmas Eve service, where extensive wax spillage occurred on the pew cushions and the carpet. It has taken a long time to clean up the wax spilled. Kathy noted part of the problem is the type of candles we use. If we switched to dripless candles we could avert this situation again. Rev. Eknes-Tucker will have Shauna Croom research the different type of candles and find the best, most cost-conscious type for All God's Children to use. Also suggested for our Christmas Eve service, we could give glow sticks to the kids so they could feel more a part of the service as well.

Mouse Ministry

More outside plugging of holes has been done. There is ongoing dialogue regarding keeping the kitchen as cleaned up as possible. We have done a lot to control the ability of mice to find a way in and find food, but there are still quite a few. We may need to consider professional help to clear them out fully. Professional help could cost around \$30 - \$40 a month.

The discussion was tabled about hiring professional help until the February Board meeting.

Personnel Team

No update.

Marketing Team

Still looking for a leader. Working on the "Would Jesus Discriminate" campaign.

Congregational/Pillar Calling List

Rev. Eknes-Tucker handed out the congregational/Pillar list for calling. The Board and Lay Delegates have started a new process whereby every member of the congregation will be contacted, at least 4 times a year, by a Board member or Lay Delegate. These calls will be to make connection with the congregants and give them an opportunity to give feedback. Della Linse will inform the other Lay Delegates of their list.

Heat Team

James Dahlen spoke with the bank and found we could get a loan of \$350,000 with a line of credit for \$100,000. We could get it for 5 years with a low interest rate. We will need to do a capital campaign and aim higher than the loan amount to cover roof expenses and the possibility of other expenses, like an elevator.

Rev. Robyn Provis was at a conference and met with a man from Kairos who deals with capital campaigns. He is willing to come and speak to us about doing one.

Rev. Eknes-Tucker will contact someone from Kairos and the James Company to meet with us and talk about capital campaigns.

In regards to Asbestos testing the Heat Team is running into an issue where it appears to be more expensive to test just one part of the building as opposed to the whole building.

By-Law Changes

Changes made (that will need to be approved at the next Congregational Meeting) are as follows:

Pending - Lay Delegates are to be elected at the Congregational Meeting following the General Conference.

There were some changes in Pastoral Leadership related to Pastor Provis's new position as Pastor, as opposed to her previous position as Pastor of Christian Education.

There will be a special Congregational Meeting held to deal with the By-Law changes, Bank loan for the furnace, and the change in Rev. Provis' position.

Steve Robertson motioned to bring the by-law changes to a special Congregational Meeting and the pending Lay Delegate piece to be brought to the next Board meeting. James Dahlen seconded and it passed by unanimous consent.

Pastors Reports

Written reports presented.

Steve Robertson made a motion that we no longer require our pastors to write out their monthly reports. They can verbally report it at the Board meeting. Kimberlee Bach seconded. It passed with Rev. Eknes-Tucker abstaining.

Pillars Event

Mark Haynes and David Hettinga's have opened up their home again for this event. It will be held Monday February 12, 2007.

During the recap for the night the following topics will be covered by members of the Board and Clergy:

Furnace - Andy Ansell and James Dahlen

Financial State of the Church - James Dahlen

Would Jesus Discriminate campaign - Steve Robertson

Creating a Life that Matters - Rev. Robyn Provis

Capital Campaign - if we have information and ideas by then

We will set up the schedule of who will do what and when at the February Board meeting.

February meeting - Steve Reinke will lead opening and closing prayer
Steve Robertson will read the Mission, Vision, and Values.

Executive Session

Andy Ansell has a conflict with Thursday nights March through May. The Board decided to move the Board meetings to the second Sunday after church for those months as that was the best time for everyone to meet.

Rev. Eknes-Tucker made a motion that the leaders of Ministry Teams at All God's Children MCC need not be members of the church, but demonstrate ongoing commitment to the church. They will meet with the Pastor responsible for the Ministry Team and be approved by the Pastor and Board of Directors. Steve Robertson seconded and it passed by unanimous consent.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made to adjourn and seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

Closing Prayer by Steve Robertson

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberlee Bach, Secretary of the Board