

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 15, 2007**

*Approved Minutes*

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

**Excused Absences:** Steve Reinke

**Guests:** Frank Kursinsky, Kathy Barclay, Laurie Hilton, Nicky Giancola, Rick Polenek, Aaron Huppert

### **Prayer Requests**

Kimberlee Bach offered the opening prayer, after mentioning prayer concerns.

### **Vision/Mission/Values Statement**

Nicky Simon 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 the additions of the Board Portal, Quarter End Statements, and Space Study. One correction was made instead of Stock Options, it was changed to Stock Accounts.

### **Mar 2007 Minutes**

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### **Secretary's Report**

The written report noted that current church membership stands at 340.

### **Treasurer's Report**

James Dahlen submitted the Treasurer's written report. Nicky Simon asked if we were still behind on tithes to the Denomination. James Dahlen responded we still are behind and haven't paid January through March yet. The Denomination is aware and understands. Expenses are up and income is down.

### **Property Team**

The space study comprehensive report was presented. 24 interviews conducted with the 18 ministry team leaders, Board of Directors, and all staff. It was broken down into near future needs (within 2 years) and long term needs (over 2 years). Decisions were tabled until the next Board meeting. The Board needs to discuss and decide what projects they want the team to work on first.

The Board needs to present the study's results to the ministry leaders at the Leadership Council Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Personnel Team**

Nomination packets were created and put out to solicit members of the Pastoral Search team. The Board will work through the nominations and determine who is to serve on the team.

## **PRIDE**

The “Would Jesus Discriminate” campaign will use some of the same marketing tools as last year. We have the same amount of space as last year two 10x10 spots for the bookstore and two 10x10 spots for the church. Both booths will be considered retail spaces so that the “Would Jesus Discriminate” T-shirts and Yard Signs can be sold separate from the bookstore.

Two PRIDE proposals:

- 1) Praise Team in the parade. Mike and Peter received e-mails about the possibility of it. Peter said it won't be too hard to set up but may need to rent some of the equipment and a power generator. Mike is concerned about the strain on the singer's voices.

Application for the Parade is due April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 2) Staffing the Booth. In the past it has been hard to get people to volunteer to work in the booth. Aaron Huppert has asked the Board if we can communicate to the Ministry Teams that their help is expected to staff some of the two hour shifts throughout the weekend. This will be announced on Sundays and added to the Leadership Council Meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Will need teams helping with set up and tear down of the booth. We will need a BOD/Lay Delegate at each shift to be a Media Rep. We will need Shauna to do an e-mail blast to the Leadership before the Leadership Council Meeting to give them a heads up on this expectation.

Does the WJD campaign flow into being part of the PRIDE committee? Bill and Aaron need to discuss that.

For worship this year do we want to be a PRIDE endorsed or PRIDE partnered? Main difference is “partnered” means we have to use the PRIDE logo in any advertisement of our worship service.

Bill Langlois made a motion that our worship service at PRIDE be a PRIDE Partnered event. James Dahlen seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

There will be a PRIDE forum June 3<sup>rd</sup>, before Leadership Council.

## **Marketing Team**

Lawn signs are on their way. Should be here in time for Lobby Day on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Need to plan the date for shopping at Mall of America wearing our WJD T-shirts. Need to plan and order the billboards.

## **Stock Accounts**

In regards to using Dain Rauscher, it costs \$75 for each trade of stock we do, no matter how much is being traded.

If we go with Scottrade it is \$7 to \$30 a trade.

James Dahlen moved we use Schwab or Scottrade to open our own stock account trade so we can accept stock donations for the Capital Campaign. We will go with Schwab unless Scottrade is significantly lower. Andy Ansell seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Thursday April, 19<sup>th</sup>, after Lobby Day Board members will go to the Schwab office to set up the account.

### **Offering and Traveling to the Safe**

Easter Sunday Kimberlee Bach received questions from two members of the congregation as to why the Board member did not have someone walking with them to the safe. There have been some Sundays when people have walked in off the street, not to attend church, but seem to just wander the building. It was decided by the Board they would have the usher that goes down with them to bag the money, escort them to the safe to make sure all goes safely.

### **Heat Team**

The Heat Team recommended to the Board that we use Mavo Systems for removal of asbestos in regards to the furnace project. James Dahlen moved to go with the Heat Teams recommendation. Kimberlee Bach seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The team is getting everything lined up to start. We are waiting on finances to get the project started. The bank is giving us letters of intent to loan to the construction firms.

### **Capital Campaign**

The all church kick off will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. All sermons for May will revolve around "Blessed and Blessing." A mailing will be going out. Board members and Church Leadership are asked to have their pledges in by May 6<sup>th</sup> so an announcement can be made to the congregation concerning the amount pledged by Leadership so far.

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> the Board will be putting labels on post cards for the mailing after church.

### **Pastors Reports**

There are volunteers set up to staff the office while Shauna is on vacation. Rev. Eknes-Tucker is working on the "Would Jesus Discriminate" campaign and the Capital Campaign. His sabbatical is planned July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Paul will be lining up speakers. During his sabbatical he will be working on a GLBT scholars theme. He will be asking Chris Smith from UTS to preach during his time off.

Paul has no problem taking on the supervisor aspect of the job again.

We are looking at the end of August to bring in the new pastor.

### **Board Portal**

Need to make sure everyone can get into it. We are to start using it consistently.

### **BOD Meetings**

The Board meetings return to Thursday nights starting May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Quarterly Statements**

Change the mailing out of statements from every quarter to semi-annually. They will be mailed once at mid year (after second quarter) and again at the end of the year.

### **Executive Session**

Andy moved that starting May 1<sup>st</sup> we return to the old bulletin format. Steve Robertson seconded. It passed by unanimous consent.

Future changes to the bulletin need to be run through the Board.

From an Executive Session April 1, 2007

Steve Robertson moved we ask Mainstreet bank to amend their loan proposal with All God's Children from 15 year amortization to 20 years and the possibility of lowering their

interest rate. If they are able to do this, we will go with them. If not we will take the Franklin bank loan offer. Bill Langlois seconded. It passed with unanimous consent.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Closing Prayer** by Kimberlee Bach

Kimberlee Bach - VMV in May  
James Dahlen - Prayer in May

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberlee Bach, Secretary of the Board