

## AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 8, 2011

**Members Present:** Bruce Andrews, Terry Clements, James Dahlen, Rev. Paul Eknes-Tucker, Becky Facer, Donavon Keeney, Brent Suther, Jean Zimmerman and Jackie Zurn.

**Guests:** Robert Arnold, Kathy Barclay, Darren Beecher, Gary Gaylord, Paul Herzberg, Frank Kursinsky, Don Jones, Albert McKay

**Opening Prayer:** was led by Pastor Paul, after hearing prayer concerns.

**Vision/Mission/Values Statement:** Brent Suther read this Statement, which is reviewed at the outset of all Board meetings to remind us of our strategic focus and direction, as well as our commitment to ministry and to each other.

**Review and Approval of Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed; following a motion by Jean, and a second by Bruce, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**January 2011 Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and amended to reflect that three members confirmed that they wished to become inactive. The minutes were approved as amended following a motion by Jackie and a second by James.

**Secretary's Report:** Jackie reported that our membership stands at 283 (no change from the last meeting).

**Treasurer's Report:** James directed members to the printed materials distributed (YTD Financial Information, Profit & Loss, Accounts Payable Detail, Balance Sheet and MCC Tithe Report). We ended January 2011 behind our budgeted amount by \$11,028 (calculated as total budget divided by 52 weeks). Balance sheet now includes a \$1000 note receivable from MCC Paducah and the temporary advance from our credit line of \$3,500. An update on the restricted funds research was provided by Jackie and Donavon. Donavon will be working with worship to utilize the worship team designated funds. Jackie will follow-up with Mike and Kathy to discuss options for restricted funds. An update will be provided at the next meeting. James and Jackie will continue to transition weekly operational treasurer duties (automated giving, check writing, payroll, etc). Future discussion regarding the formation of a finance team (charter, scope, etc) will be held. Following a motion by Jackie and a second by Jean, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Paul distributed his "Consent Report" prior to the meeting. There were no action items from the report. Pastor Paul proposed that he attend the MCC Network Conference in St. Louis rather than the Large Church Pastors' Conference. There will be a \$25 registration fee (update received after board meeting). Unbudgeted expenses would include hotel and transportation. Pastor Paul will also be participating in the Freedom to Marry event (February 10<sup>th</sup>). Jackie moved to approve the Pastor's Consent report, Donavon seconded, and the report was approved.

**Outreach Update:** Pastor Paul provided an update on Brian's behalf regarding the Red Ribbon Ride. The cost of the pit stop is not in line with this year's long-term outreach goals. It will be re-evaluated for next year's budget. The Red Ribbon Ride team will receive the March DUO fund. Jean voiced concern that the February DUO fund was collected for a group that also receives funds from the Red Ribbon Ride.

**Property Team Report:** Kathy Barclay referred Board members to the Property Team report that had been distributed prior to the meeting. One request for action: a motion was made by Pastor Paul, seconded by Jackie to approve the \$900 budgeted for construction of the media programming closet in the back hall. The motion was approved (Jean abstained). Additional water damage has occurred in the sanctuary due to excessive snow on the flat roof. Kathy has received a snow removal estimate (\$2500 for 30-40 hour job). A motion was made by James, seconded by Becky to approve the work with the understanding that Bruce/Donavon would have authority to approve additional expenses as needed. The motion was approved. Thanks to Don Jones as he continues to be our emergency responder for property-related items. The Board will revisit the budget's emergency funds spent in April/May.

**Generosity and Fundraising Committees:** Darren Beecher provided an update on the Stewardship Campaign (formal report to follow). Creating Change, Creating Hope will be the theme for the entire year. Approximately 60 cards have been received (7 new automatic givers, pledges \$150-160,000). The Generosity team will analyze year-to-year differences as well as send confirmation letters to those who pledged. Any updates to automatic giving will be forwarded to Darren and then to James for processing. Pastor Paul will continue to handle declined credit card notices. The Generosity Team will also send thank you cards to family units for the HOPE campaign. February 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for leaders to provide Miracle Sunday project suggestions to Darren. The team will then provide the Board a slate of projects to approve at the March meeting.

**Bylaws:** Pastor Paul forwarded to the Board an email from Rev Elder Darlene Gardner regarding the November 2010 version of the by-laws that were provided to UFMCC for approval (approved at the fall congregational meeting). Rev Elder Gardner recommended additional information regarding the process for removing a Senior Pastor and Church Finances. Brent will follow-up with Rev Elder Gardner and provide an update at the March meeting.

**Accessibility:** Robert Arnold and Albert McKay addressed the board regarding their concern for an elevator, proposed timeline, expense, etc. Having an accessible building could increase the value of the building, increase membership/attendance, increase rental options and increase the building's value. Donavon also has a list of congregants who raised similar concerns and estimated a 10% value increase. With the approximate \$150,000 expense along with \$50,000 plaster repair, a refinancing option could add \$1000/month to a mortgage payment. The Board is currently reviewing programming and building needs as a part of the project plan's stay/go recommendation for the fall congregational meeting. The Board is also open to exploring creative ways to deal with the limitations we have (example: social time on the main level). The staff will review the current space reservations and Pastor Paul will follow-up with the Hospitality team.

**Pillars of the Church:** Bruce (and his partner Tim) has volunteered to host the event. Discussion was held about pairing this event with volunteer appreciation (picnic, etc). Until further discussion can be held with the Generosity Team, the Pillars event will be held separately (either April 17<sup>th</sup> or March 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>).

**Congregational Forums:** The first two regularly scheduled congregational forums will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Brent will chair the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, and we will also conduct a congregational meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> to approve the by-law changes.

**Progress on the Project Plan:** Sue Piva has provided Terry a draft of the organizational chart, and the goal is to have it available at the Leadership Forum (February 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-1:00pm).

**Board Meeting Day/Time:** Discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing the date/time due to personal conflicts. No change will be made at this time. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Executive Session:** Not requested

**Adjournment:** Following prayer by Pastor Paul, then a motion by Jackie to adjourn, second by Jean and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Next month, Becky will lead the opening and closing prayer, and Donavon will read the Mission/Vision.