

## AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 15, 2011

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

**Guests:** Kathy Barclay, Darren Beecher, Brian Cihacek, Gary Gaylord, Mike Haase, Paul Herzberg, Don Jones, Frank Kursinsky, Robert McNamara, Chukuma Zahradnik

**Opening Prayer:** was led by James Dahlen, after hearing prayer concerns.

**Vision/Mission/Values Statement:** Donavon Keeney 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 Pastor Paul, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**February 2011 Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and amended to reflect that there will be registration fees for the MCC Network Conference (notification received this week) and a typo in the Outreach Update was made ("ling" to "line"). The minutes were approved as amended following a motion by Pastor Paul and a second by Bruce.

**Secretary's Report:** Jackie reported that our membership stands at 277 as six members requested their membership become inactive (Patrick Brislane, Kaye Fredensborg, Jack Gagne, Cori Hodge, Sandi Nash, Jill Williamson). There is a discrepancy from the membership number reported on the monthly tithe report. Jackie will research within Servant Keeper and provide an update at the next 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, Profit & Loss Comparison with 2010). We ended February 2011 behind our budgeted amount by \$20,690 (calculated as total budget divided by 52 weeks). The Credit Line balance is currently \$10,590.45. An update on the restricted funds research was provided by Jackie. Both Music and Property have plans for the restricted funds currently in savings. James and Jackie will continue to transition weekly operational treasurer duties (automated giving, check writing, payroll, etc). Jackie will continue as Secretary until further notice. Following a motion by Donavon and a second by Brent, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. James will call in for the April meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Paul distributed his "Consent Report" prior to the meeting. There were no action items from the report. Pastor Paul and Mike Haase will be attending the MCC Network Conference in St. Louis (April 1-3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Outreach Update:** Brian Cihacek requested that AGC enter into a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Togadere Center Project (a signed agreement was provided at meeting to review). Togadere's

purpose is to create, open and operate a GLBT Community Center that would provide a drop-in center and community meals. Togadere would use AGC's non-profit status until they can incorporate independently. AGC would provide fiduciary oversight and physical space. A vote on the project was tabled until additional information could be reviewed. Jackie will conduct an email vote by the end of the week. Brian informed the board that the Marketing, Local Outreach and Pride teams are being dissolved. Jean voiced concern that as the liaison to the Marketing team, this was the first she had heard of this action. Jean will work with Brian to transition these teams under Brian's scope of responsibility. Pastor Paul and Brian are working on his job description/title (Director of Communications and Community Relations), and Brian will focus the DUO Fund (congregational involvement). AGC will host the 2012 MCC Network Conference (date to yet be announced). This conference replaced the former Regional Conference format. James will note this for the 2012 budget process.

**Property Team Report:** Kathy Barclay referred Board members to the Property Team report that had been distributed prior to the meeting (no action items presented). The electrical problem with the north wall sconce is not at the switch or the fixture. It would involve opening up the ceiling (cost prohibitive at this time). Following a motion by Bruce and a second by Donavon, the Property Team Report was unanimously approved.

**Generosity and Fundraising Committees:** Darren Beecher referred Board members to the written report that was provided regarding the 2011 Stewardship Campaign results as well as the Miracle Sunday slate of projects. The team balanced ministry needs versus wants in selecting the final slate. Projects will be funded in the order listed (no designated giving) and any surplus collected will go to the General Fund. Following a motion by James and a second by Jean, the proposed slate of projects and the \$500 funding request to cover Miracle Sunday expenses was unanimously approved.

**Accessibility:** Tabled until next meeting due to Becky's absence.

**Global Missions Offering:** Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson has requested that all MCC churches donate their Easter offering to MCC's Global Missions work. Pastor Paul recommended that a second offering be taken on Palm Sunday rather than Easter Sunday (already designated as Miracle Sunday). After further discussion, the board recommended that the April DUO fund be collected for MCC's Global Mission work. The collections will be taken each Sunday with the exception of Easter Sunday.

**Pillars of the Church:** Bruce (and his partner Tim) will host the event on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. The staff will send out invitations next week. James will not be attendance.

**By-laws:** Brent provided the board with the proposed by-laws for the March 27<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. The meeting notice has gone out to all active members along with the key to the proposed changes. Following a motion by Jackie and a second by Brent, the board approved the proposed by-laws for review/approval at the March 27<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

**Congregational Forum:** The first regularly scheduled congregational forum will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> following the congregational meeting to approve the by-law changes. Brent will chair the meeting, and Terry will coordinate the agenda (organizational chart, project plan update, etc). Jackie will determine the quorum and take minutes.

**Progress on the Project Plan:** Good progress has been made with the focused strategic meetings with Sue Piva (facilitator). Ministry team charters will be completed by the congregational forum along with the organizational chart.

**Executive Session:** The open session of the board was concluded as there was a request for an executive session.

**Adjournment:** At the conclusion of the executive session, the open session resumed. Following prayer by James, 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 Bruce will read the Mission/Vision/Values statement.