

AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 18, 2011

Members Present: Bruce Andrews, Darren Beecher, Terry Clements, Rev. Kevin Downer, Donavon Keeney, Brent Suther, Jackie Zurn. Excused absence: James Dahlen, Jean Zimmerman

Guests: Gary Gaylord, Mike Haase, Paul Herzberg, Donald Jones, Tim McKenna, Donna Olsen. Terry Clements acknowledged the guests present.

Opening Prayer: Prayer was led by Rev. Downer, after hearing prayer concerns from those members and guests present.

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 amended to remove the Fiscal Agency Request item. Following a motion by Donavon and a second by Bruce, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

September 2011 Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved following a motion by Rev. Downer and a second by Bruce.

Secretary's Report: Jackie reported that our membership stands at 301 members through September 30, 2011.

Committee Reports: Nominating: Tim requested clarification from the board regarding the number of candidates for the slate. The board stressed the need for qualified candidates first with a recommendation of a maximum of four candidates. The slate will be named by October 26th, and October 28th is the target date for the congregational meeting notice. Property: The written report was presented prior to the meeting for review (no requests for funding). A new HVAC/Boiler team is being formed (Bruce = liaison), and Donavon will be the liaison for the Facilities Team. Rev. Downer will update the volunteer staff with the contact information for the new team.

Treasurer's Report: The following printed materials were distributed in advance of the meeting (YTD Financial Information, Profit & Loss, Accounts Payable Detail, Balance Sheet and MCC Tithing Report, Budget versus Actual Revenue/Expenses 2011). Discussion was held regarding the possibility of rolling our current debt into our mortgage versus the continued use of the credit line at its current limit. Additional information is needed regarding interest rates, fees, etc before a decision can be made. As we continue to move towards a mission drive financial/strategic decision-making process, we need to ensure future financial stability. Rev Downer will contact James to provide additional information to the board for review. In James' absence, Rev. Downer walked the board through the draft 2012 Budget and the 2012 Ministry Plans and Budget notes. The budget is based on 52 weeks income (Miracle Sunday will be changing). The Bookstore income was removed from the budget. Rev. Downer and Darren will meet with the current bookstore team regarding next steps. Additional items were adjusted, and Rev. Downer will make the changes to the document for board review and approval.

A motion was made by Darren, seconded by Bruce to revoke federal and state unemployment eligibility for staff in 2012. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Jackie will follow-up with James to file the required paperwork with the State of MN. Prior to the meeting, James provided the board with recommendations for handling several designated fund accounts. The following motions were approved with abstaining votes noted:

1. Motion by Rev Downer, seconded by Bruce to permanently reallocate the \$500 in the Facility savings account to 2011 expenditures.
2. Motion by Rev Downer, seconded by Donavon to permanently reallocate the \$814.51 remaining in the 2011 Miracle Sunday savings line to the general fund (one abstain).
3. Motion by Brent, seconded by Jackie to permanently reallocate the \$5,068.15 remaining in the 2010 Miracle Sunday savings line to the general fund (one abstain).
4. Motion by Darren, seconded by Brent to permanently reallocate the \$2500 in the Facility savings account designated for an exit lights project to the general fund.
5. Motion by Darren, seconded by Rev Downer to permanently reallocate \$2,085.44 in the Choir savings line to the general fund after a recommendation by Mike Haase.
6. Motion by Darren, seconded by Rev Downer to permanently reallocate the \$1241.27 in designated worship team savings line to the general fund after clarification of expenses by Donavon.

Following a motion by Jackie and a second by Rev. Downer, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Interim Ministry/Pastor's Consent Report: Rev. Downer presented a written consent report outlining the following areas: Interim Activities, Celebrating Worship, Seeking Peace and Justice – Healing and Hope, Building Community, Growing Spiritually and Connection – Communication. Rev. Downer requested that a board member participate in the upcoming membership class. Donavon volunteered to represent the board at the 10/30 class. Brian Cihacek will be honored during the 10/30 worship service for his work at AGC. Rev. Downer continues to work the membership review list. Additional information will be provided prior to the congregational meeting regarding updates to membership status. The Nominating Committee will conduct board training after the upcoming election. Terry recommended that a joint meeting with current, ongoing and new board members be held to ensure a proper transition. Terry will communicate this to the outgoing members. Brent will not be at the November board meeting due to work obligations.

Congregational Meeting: Terry and Jean are coordinating a symbolic sharing of the bread ceremony. Terry and Rev Downer will finalize the meeting agenda.

Following closing prayer, then a motion by Jackie to adjourn, second by Brent and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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