

Approved AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 18, 2010

Members Present: Dana Badgerow, James Dahlen (by telephone), Jean Zimmerman, Terry Clements, Rev. Paul Eknes-Tucker, Brent Suther, Nick Kunz and Steve Reinke. Excused absence: Paul Barnes.

Guests: Kathy Barclay, Mike Haase, Frank Kursinsky, Don Jones, Gary Gaylord, Arnie Holmberg, Brian Cihacek, Darren Beecher.

Opening Prayer: was led by Dana Badgerow, after hearing prayer concerns.

Vision/Mission/Values Statement: Steve Reinke 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 and several items added; following a motion by Jean, and a second by Brent, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

August Minutes: Without change, the September minutes were approved, following a motion by Nick and a second by Paul E-T.

Secretary's Report: Dana reported that our membership stands at 327, unchanged.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of a written report, James Dahlen reported that there has been no improvement in the direction of the church's finances; we remain substantially behind our revised budget giving requirement. Accounts payable are being "juggled" as necessary to keep pace with cash flow. The church's line of credit has not yet been tapped. We are all hopeful that the great work of the Generosity Team, including a plan to close an anticipated \$30,000 gap at year-end will be productive so that we can start 2011 in accordance with our budget plan for next year. Following a motion by Jean and a second by Steve, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Property Team Report: Kathy Barclay referred Board members to the Property Team report that had been distributed prior to the meeting, and pointed to two action items. The first, requesting authorization to proceed with professional painting of the back steps to Ackerman Hall, requires a re-balancing of the previously approved Miracle fund for the item, to include a greater-than-expected paint estimate, balanced against a much lower than expected step repair bill. Following a motion by Paul E-T and a second by Steve, the action item was approved, with Dana abstaining. The second action item involves a needed repair to a hall radiator which may range from nothing to \$400. Following discussion, a motion was made by Paul E-T to approve up to \$400 for the item; Nick seconded and the motion passed, with Dana abstaining. Kathy also presented a photo montage of the masonry and tuck-point deterioration on the exterior of the building, reporting that our outside consultant has advised that \$30,000-\$35,000 would be required to stabilize the deterioration short-term and as much as \$200,000-\$250,000 required ultimately to restore the exterior brickwork. Given the financial condition of the

church which does not permit significant investment in the building at this time, both the consultant and the Property Team are strongly recommending that at a minimum of \$8,000 be spent now to fix those areas most imminently at risk of catastrophic failure, and to place the building in a better position for marketability should we determine that our course is to sell and move. The Board tabled the discussion of the item until budget discussions later in the meeting. James moved to approve the Property Team report, Steve seconded, and the report was approved, with Dana abstaining.

Pastors' Report: Paul had distributed his "Consent Report" prior to the meeting. Pastor Paul reported that he has now received the official notice from Generations of Faith that they are vacating their lease. They have committed to try to repay the delinquent rent payments, but Paul is proposing that he be authorized to enter into negotiations with them for a lesser amount (such as half of that owing), given the fact that the church is disbanded and has no real assets or income. It was the general sense of the Board that this is an appropriate action. Paul reported that we will now pursue the other potential church tenant for our space. Paul also reported that he has received written notice (that day) from Virant that they intend to vacate their space as well, giving the required 90 day notice. Following significant discussion among the Board and congregants present, including recognition of the fact that the Virant lease income had been factored into our draft budget for next year, it was determined that Paul is empowered to pursue discussions with Virant as he may deem appropriate concerning the lease termination.

2011 Budget. There having been no reports received from any of the Ministry Teams concerning the proposed budget allocations, James moved approval of the budget for next year in the form last distributed to the Board; Paul E-T seconded, and the budget was approved with one negative vote by Steve. It was determined that the Masonry request would be a strong and priority candidate for Miracle Sunday for next spring.

Generosity and Fundraising Committees. Darren Beecher introduced Gary Gaylord, who gave an update on plans to hold Bingo sessions at the church. Gary also requested Board approval of \$425 in expenses necessary to prepare us for Bingo, much of which will be recouped by Bingo and concession admission sales. James moved approval, Jean seconded, and the request was unanimously approved. Darren then provided an extensive report on the plans of the Generosity Committee for its year-end funding campaign, called "Building Hope," intended to close the large budget gap of \$30,000. There is an expense item associated with the campaign--\$300 for basic supplies—which the committee is requesting. Dana moved approval of the item, Paul E-T seconded, and it was passed.

By-Law Amendments. Dana referred to the "track changes" version of the proposed By-Law Amendments, together with a one page "Key" which describes the location and nature of the changes. All of the changes are required verbatim by our Elders in order to obtain Denominational approval of our governing document. The only real substantive changes are in the area of maintenance of the membership rolls, purging or disciplining members, and the due process steps required in those cases. Following brief discussion, James moved approval of the amended By-Laws for presentation to the Congregational Meeting on November 14; Brent seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Congregational Meeting. The Board discussed plans for the November 14 Congregational Meeting and designed the agenda, which Dana will prepare and distribute.

Progress on the Project Plan. Paul E-T has recommended that we include an update on our progress on the Project Plan, and around our longer term strategies for becoming a Program Church, in every Board agenda. We can take pride that we are on track, having hired a Director of Outreach (who was present for the meeting that evening), having funded Outreach programs in our budget next year, and having included other elements of the plan in the budget. There was discussion as to whether, given the news about the serious masonry deficiencies of the building, we might want to accelerate the study and recommendations we have asked the Property Team to prepare concerning the building. Paul reminded that our Plan calls for those recommendations to come forward at the 2011 Congregational Meeting, and Dana noted that it may take that full amount of time to do a proper study. No action was taken.

Board Liaisons and Officers. Terry asked that returning Board members give thought to their best fit in the several Board Liaison and Officer positions, to ensure that we match skills and interest with the right assignment next year.

Executive Session. No actions were taken during the Executive Session. A note was made that discussions concerning the masonry repair would be taken up again in the November meeting.

Adjournment. Prior to adjournment, Terry presented four of the outgoing Board members with a memento of their Board service: an apron, symbolizing the fact that, as a governing body, we have taken off our bibs and donned our aprons. Following prayer by Dana, then a motion by Dana to adjourn, second by Nick and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Next month, Terry will lead the opening and closing Prayer, and Jean will read the Mission/Vision .