

AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

September 20, 2011

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

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

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

Vision/Mission/Values Statement: Bruce Andrews 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 include an Executive Session (requested by Rev. Downer) and reports by the Nominating Committee. Following a motion by Jean and a second by Bruce, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

August 2011 Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved following a motion by Brent and a second by Bruce.

Secretary's Report: Jackie reported that our membership stands at 289 members through August 31, 2011. Rev. Downer reported current membership as of today at 301 members. Discussion was held regarding membership status review. Rev. Downer will work with Jackie to pull a list of members who currently do not meet membership eligibility. Rev. Downer will review the list with the deacons and will follow-up with those impacted.

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, Budget versus Actual Revenue/Expenses 2011). We ended August 2011 behind our budgeted amount by \$51,094 (approximately \$1,460/week year to date). We have temporarily borrowed \$21,000 from designated savings as of August 31, 2011. Terry asked if we have a feeling as to why income is down. Rev. Downer asked what we are doing currently with generosity as it is not a part of the values conversations. Messaging for the congregational meeting will be developed. James reminded the group that the Profit and Loss statement reflects when expenses are incurred, while the Accounts Payable Detail reflects when expenses are due/paid. The 2012 budget will be presented for review and approval at the October meeting. Following a motion by Jackie and a second by Rev. Downer, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: Nominating: Tim updated the board on the team's progress. The team is updating the application and training materials as well as the survey for continuing BOD members. Meetings have also been held with ministry teams to solicit potential candidates. The team requested the boards' thoughts about the number of positions to fill. Last year, they had 40 potential names that resulted in 5

candidates for the slate. Rev. Downer recommended seven board members plus the pastor. Property: The written report was presented to the team liaisons (Donavon and Bruce). The report contained one request for funding (furnace maintenance \$1500). The request was tabled until Executive Session.

Sunday Worship/Board Schedule: Rev. Downer is discussing messaging with the Generosity Team, so until further notice, Rev. Downer will call for the offering.

Outreach: The board received information from Brian Cihacek via email regarding a request for a fiscal agency agreement with Color Coordination. This item will be discussed at the October meeting. AGC is considering a petition to the City of Minneapolis to re-zone our property as a mission. This would reduce possible future permit needs for food programs, etc. Letters from long-standing congregants to sign as affidavit that AGC has done long-standing benevolence work. There would be no impact to our non-profit status.

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. The Values Team has been formed (first meeting tomorrow evening). Rev. Downer is working with staff and team leaders to form a mission-based budget for 2012. This involves defining ministry scopes, meeting with team leaders, etc. Rev. Downer is working with Andrew (Technology) to update the website (quick updates), and then the website will be re-platformed to make it more user-friendly. Rev. Downer also provided the board with the "Project Plan Revisited". This document will be reviewed at the congregational meeting as well. Any feedback should be provided to Rev. Downer in advance. Rev. Downer is working with staff and ministry teams to develop an annual report.

The open session was suspended to hold an executive session. Open session resumed, and the funding request received from the property team was not funded.

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

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