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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 12, 2006

Members Present: Andy Ansell, Kimberlee Bach, Darren Beecher, James Dahlen, Reverend Paul Eknes-Tucker, Bill Langlois, Nicole Simon

Mark Poole apologized in advance for his absence.

Guests: Sue Hillstad, K. C. Guy, and Shauna Croom

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests were shared and Bill Langlois began the meeting with prayer. Nicky Simon welcomed the guests and opened the meeting.

Vision/Mission/Values Statement

James Dahlen read the Vision, Mission, and Values. These are read in the beginning of all Board meetings in an effort to focus on what the congregation has identified as our strategic direction and goals.

Review and Approval of Agenda

After two additions (Miracle Sunday and Security) and reordering (Guest issues were held until Reverend Eknes-Tucker's arrival), the revised Agenda was accepted via unanimous consent.

Agenda Items:

December 8, 2005 Meeting minutes

With no corrections noted, the minutes were received by unanimous consent.

Secretary's Report

Bill told the Board that current membership stands at 332. Membership classes have begun again; Shauna will confirm the schedule with the Lay Delegates.

Treasurer's Report

In addition to his written report, James confirmed Nicky's understanding of the year end budget surplus, and answered Darren's questions about the Music Ministry budget.

James and Shauna proposed leasing one new copier/printer to replace both the Savin copier and the Risograph, and presented a quote from a potential vendor. James moved to authorize himself and Shauna to research options and lease a machine that meets our needs and matches or decreases AGC's total cost. Andy seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

James reminded the Board of their plans to stuff giving statements on Jan 16.

Guest Reports

K. C. Guy asked the Board to think about creating a sober house in the future. After some discussion, the Board asked Casey to provide more information for future discussion.

Sue Hillstad proposed a prom-themed fundraiser to benefit the Music Ministry and Christian Education. The Board asked for a formal proposal including the budget for discussion at their February meeting.

Marketing Team Report

Nicky submitted the team's written report.

Policy Team Report

Bill reported that Jackie Zurn has officially resigned from Policy Team. Shauna was asked to remove her name from the Leadership list.

Property Team Report

In addition to their written report, Andy announced that the Property Team will have a proposal regarding the 31st Street door soon. They will present a range of options for the Board to choose from. Nicky asked the team to look into fixing the women's restroom, and Andy clarified the snow removal schedule.

7th Annual Doug Dietz Valentine's Day Event

On behalf of Ken Keate, Bill asked the Board to consider establishing the single men's mixer as an official AGC-sponsored event. Nicky moved to comply with his request, Kim seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sam's Club Membership

James reported that John Tillitt asked if AGC could get its own membership card; each staff member could have a card, and the church could receive less expensive merchant services for \$35 a year. Kim moved to apply for a membership, James seconded the motion. The board asked that a purchase limit be placed on the card, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Credit Card Machine

Kim is researching more options, and promised to be informative and knowledgeable on the subject at the February meeting.

Health Insurance

Darren asked for clarification of UFMCC's Health Plan to our current plan and a proposed health insurance plan, and James moved to switch to the new plan. Nicky seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

Pillars of the Church

Reverend Eknes-Tucker announced that Mark Haynes and David Hettinga agreed to host the event on March 6th from 6 pm to 9 pm at their home. The Board divided planning activities: Darren will provide paper and plastic ware, Nicky will bring soda and water, James will cover wine and beer and Bill, Andy and Kim will handle the food. Invitations will be mailed, and RSVPs collected in February.

Troy Perry Visit

Reverend Eknes-Tucker reported that AGC will co-sponsor Reverend Troy Perry's September 17th visit to Minnesota with the MCC in Rochester. Reverend Perry will visit both churches. Andy offered that for this and future visits, he would be happy to host out of town guests in his home.

Church Directory

Nicky told the Board that some congregants have asked about a new church directory, any may be willing to facilitate its creation. The Board asked for a proposal.

Pastor's Report

In addition to his emailed report, Reverend Eknes-Tucker told the Board that Shauna and Mike Haase's annual reviews were completed, and both were positive. He discussed the disaffiliation of

three churches from the MCC; their withdrawal prompted the denomination to ask AGC for greater support of the Midwest churches. AGC may be asked to host sub-regional conferences in the near future.

He submitted Reverend Robyn Murphy's first report to the Board. She is interested in doing Board development workshops and training. Reverend Eknes-Tucker suggested doing that in the context of a formal Board Retreat, and was asked to bring potential spring dates back to the Board.

Reverend Eknes-Tucker has spoken with the attorney for John Myhre estate; AGC may receive the \$2,000 left to the church in his will by February.

Twin Cities GLBT Pride sent AGC the notice for the 2006 festival. AGC needs to register by April 28th to be included in the Pride Guide. The Board discussed the fees, planning structure and how to best address the issues that arose at last year's event; Nicky suggested these items be added to the upcoming Leadership Meeting agenda, and moved to register AGC for up to four booths. Andy seconded, and the motion passed with only James Dahlen voting against it.

Miracle Sunday

Darren reported that, because the grand piano needs so much repair that it makes more sense to replace rather than fix it, Mike Haase would like to switch the Music Ministry's Miracle Sunday request to \$200 choir robes. Because the list is flexible, the Board asked Darren to tell him that the swap is possible.

Security

Darren told the Board that recently Peter Erdman, thinking he was in the building alone, was startled by someone lurking in the narthex who had entered the building by the 31st street basement door. The door may have been propped open during an evening meeting and not closed securely afterwards. In response, Shauna will post a "emergency exit only" sign at that door, and remind key holders of their building security responsibilities. Andy will consult with the Property Team about the issue.

Andy also mentioned that the congregation still suffers the presence of a disruptive guest during Sunday services. It was decided that the Board representative on duty should work with the lead usher to wrangle this gentleman as appropriate.

Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Shauna Croom for Bill Langlois, Secretary