



come just as you are

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2008

Members Present: Andy Ansell, James Dahlen, Kim Bach, Rev. Paul Eknes-Tucker, Steve Reinke, Paul Barnes, Cindy Adams, Dana Badgerow

Excused Absences: None

Guests: Frank Kursinsky, Harold Klein, Mike Haase, Kathy Barclay, Rick Polenek & Paul Herzberg.

Prayer Requests

Andy Ansell offered the opening prayer.

Vision/Mission/Values Statement

Kim Bach 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

The March and April minutes were approved. The May agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report

Steve Reinke reported that with the addition of several new members, the current membership stands at 368.

Property Team Report

Kathy Barclay and Rick Polenek want to maintain the presence of the historical design of the building. The Board discussed choices for tiling for the 31st Street entrance, narthex & handicapped entrance. Work on these areas will begin May 19-23, 2008. As long as tile and bathroom project are running within approved budget, the board has agreed to leave aesthetic design choices up to Rick and Kathy. The property team mentioned they will be getting the church lawn and gardens ready for conference in July as well as the remodeling of Rev. Robyn's office.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a different door buzzer with an on/off switch and better chimes.

Church waste management and recycling options were discussed. John Pigate presented a written report on 1) the costs associated with added a recycling component to our contract with Waste Management. For the next month, a congregant has agreed to take-away the church's recyclable office paper and newspaper waste so that we can assess the quantity. The bookstore will continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans as part of their aluminum can drive.

2) The board approved a new ministry team to educate the congregation about how they can implement recycling and waste reduction at home. John Pigate will do the groundwork to create the team and form a committee.

Treasurer's Report

James Dahlen reported that the church has made up the outstanding deficit pertaining to budget. The revised budget was approved by Paul Barnes and seconded by Kim Bach.

The recovery groups who meet in Ackerman Hall would like to be able to utilize a PA system here at the church during meetings. These groups have agreed to a rental increase of \$10/month, raising the monthly rental fee to \$60.00. Peter Erdman has priced a portable PA system which would run approximately \$600 and would come directly from the technology budget. The Board approved of the above.

Personnel Team Report

James Dahlen discussed Advantec's capability to create personnel reports and track vacation time.

Church Piano Purchase

A new piano for the sanctuary was recommended by Mike Haase. A piano is being donated to the church but will require \$4,000 in servicing to upgrade it properly. James Dahlen move and Kim Bach seconded the necessary improvements as well as trading in the present sanctuary piano for an electronic keyboard to be placed in Ackerman Hall. These items were approved unanimously.

Pastors' Report

- Pastor Paul met with Paul Zyndo, a Liberian Pastor, who wants to affiliate with AGCMCC. His congregation is mostly immigrants and they have an affinity for our theology. Discussions will continue to explore what cooperative opportunities will work for both congregations.
- The new transgender support group begins Thursday, May 15th. The new recovery ministry led by Darin Olson will be meeting on Sunday, May 18th for initial brainstorming and planning.
- Green Central School District wants to partner with AGCMCC, as part of their faith-based initiative. The details of these programs will be determined after the initial meetings convene.
- Kevin Sitter from the Hennepin County Red Door HIV clinic will be conducting HIV testing after the June 8th service.

- Pastor Paul will be speaking to the AGCMCC Red Ribbon Ride team before their practice ride on June 8th, in preparation for the Red Ribbon Ride, July 17-20, 2008.
- Pastor Paul has been selected as the Chair of the MCC Elders Nominating Committee.
- During the week of May 18th, Pastor Paul will be out of the office as he will be attending a one week Festival of Homiletics.
- Regional conference is coming up and will be hosted by AGCMCC in Minneapolis from July 21-23, 2008. The Large Pastors' Meeting will be held at AGCMCC following regional conference.
- Kimberlee Bach will be going to "Creating a Life that Matters (CLM)" Training, in preparation for teaching the CLM in the future.
- "Into Temptation", a film, will be shooting here at AGCMCC on June 25, 2008. AGCMCC will be receive a closing credit.
- The new Troy Perry movie, "Call Me Troy", will be coming out soon. AGCMCC is looking at the possibility of hosting a movie screening here.
- Pam Mehlin, a neighbor of AGCMCC, has requested the use of church facilities to tutor 6-8 children during summer school. More information to come.

Marketing Team Report

Paul Barnes discussed advertising, timelines and layout for ongoing campaign. He also discussed the PRIDE booth, t-shirts, magnets and stickers.

Next Month: Paul Barnes reads the vision/mission/values. James Dahlen leads the prayers.

The regular Board Meeting was adjourned and after a break, the Board entered Executive Session.

Executive Session

No decisions to report

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