



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN
A METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

come just as you are

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 08, 2007

Members Present: Andy Ansell, Kimberlee Bach, James Dahlen, Bill Langlois, Steve Reinke, Steve Robertson, Nicky Simon, and Reverend Eknes-Tucker

Excused Absences:

Guests: Kathy Barclay, Shauna JeMai Croom, Peter Erdman, Mike Haase

Prayer Requests

Steve Robertson offered the opening prayer, after mentioning prayer concerns.

Vision/Mission/Values Statement

Steve Reinke 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 agenda was accepted with the following corrections:

- Reports were re-ordered to accommodate attendee schedules and the secretary's absence

October 2007 Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Secretary's Report

Membership stands at 363.

The Board reviewed assignments for the Congregational Meeting. Shauna will provide ballots, attendance lists, and other materials. Candidates for election will speak for up to two minutes each. The new Board members will be trained December 2; their installation will take place December 9.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged James' written report and asked that the information regarding AGC's deficit be reworded for clarity.

James asked the Board's input on the following action items:

1. Reverend Eknes-Tucker will speak with John Tillitt; Kathy Barclay will organize support for Hospitality
2. Pastor spoke with David Groenheim, who will assume management of newsletter ads for the Marketing Team
3. James made a motion to raise the cost of sodas to \$1.25. Steve Robertson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
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2008 Budget: James made a motion to accept the budget presented at the recent Budget Forum. Kim seconded, and it passed unanimously.

MN Freedom Band: Representatives from Minnesota Freedom Band contacted James concerning their space rental agreement. Mike agreed to speak with their president regarding appropriate stewardship of the building and equipment; the board agreed to trade space reservations for volunteer musician time provided MNFB complies with building policies.

Congregation Retention: James proposed that AGC leadership adopt special initiatives to increase attendance and membership, and retain current members. He showed the Board the impact greater attendance will make on revenue; in addition to the obvious increase in giving, a larger congregation would make AGC eligible for more favorable financing if needed. The Board discussed retention priorities and strategies, like adding a financial component to membership classes.

HEAT Team

We have heat!

Property Team

In addition to her written account, Kathy Barclay reported that Property is accepting bids for the tile roof work. She also told the board that Tech Team saved AGC a lot of money by running the wiring for the thermostats themselves.

Director of Administration

Shauna explained complications with swapping out the existing alarm panel: it may require extensive rewiring or equipment replacement. She will follow up with the vendors.

Personnel

Steve Robertson suggested plans for a more delicate and inspiring review process for the Senior Pastor. He will coordinate the process by email.

Pastor's Report

Reverend Eknes-Tucker leaves Sunday for the Large Church Pastor's Conference. Guest speakers have been scheduled for his absence. Mayor Rybak will accept the Living Our Vision Award on November 18.

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Shauna JeMai Croom for Kimberlee Bach, Secretary of the Board