



AGCMCC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 12, 2017

Members Present: Rev. DeWayne Davis, Wally Swan, Stephanie Meredith, Will Murray, Eric Meininger, and Brent Suther.

Absent: Lamont Gill Gilliam

Guests Present: None

Meeting Called to order by Rev Davis at 6:30 pm.

Opening Prayer: Prayer was led by Will Murray.

Review and Approval of January Agenda: Get rid of Bullet point for Budget and add Pastor Housing Alliance item. Move Stewardship from Pastor's report and move to Item 8. Add Board Social under other. Approved after motion made by Stephanie and seconded by Wally. Approved unanimously.

Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Approved after motion made by Eric and seconded by Will. Approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Secretary absent and will ask for this in writing.

Treasurer's Report:

Signing of signature cards for Board Members.

Giving is still on a down turn

Attendance is down as compared to last year in December

All accounts are actual.

Benevolence is higher than stated.

Designated gift for technology.

Ended the year on Budget.

A lot of expenses at the end of year for tuck pointing, etc.

Budget was going to have 15,000 deficit; although AGC borrowed on line of credit.

Safe combination is to be changed.

Giving Statements are being worked on. Eric working with Darren for Sharepoint to store.

Eric is trying to get P cards for ministries. The goal is to close out Hospitality Petty Cash.

The Balance Sheet should reflect accurately what is in each account.

Sub Accounts have been moved so negative figures will not show.

Line of Credit is due in March or April and will have to be re-negotiated.

Wally motioned the treasurer's report and Stephanie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mortgage:

Mark Haines met with DeWayne to talk about the building mortgage. There is a belief that there is the ability within our congregation to pay off the mortgages. Asked if there is a way to contribute to a special account with a time frame; interest bearing savings account to pay off this mortgage. DeWayne is asking the board to think about this and if we have the time or ability to do this.

Housing Allowance: Pastors are allowed to exclude housing allowance from income. Improvement costs have gone up. Real estate and property taxes have gone up. Total allowance asking for is \$14,290.00 which is deducted from total income on Federal Taxes. Stephanie motioned, Wally seconded. Unanimously approved.

Stewardship Campaign:

Wally has noticed that lost donors are at the bottom tier of giving. Have lost some in 0 – 499, concentrating on the middle range of givers. Net increases from 2013 to 2016 is \$1100.00. Last year, people were contacted individually; this did not work so well. Used the approach to talk about the pledge drive in the church service. Need a timeline to do this. Estimated \$230,000 is raised each year. Had pledges of \$100,000 last year. Least trust to pledge money is the middle tier; Wally thinks that we should add an option to opt out when income is variable. Change the emphasis to pledge and trust that things will work out but can opt out. This is not set in stone; if something changes in your life.

Eric mentioned adding link to Easy Tithe and Survey Monkey on end of year giving statements and there is a need to be able to tell people where they are in relation to their pledge.

DeWayne is going to start next Sunday talking about the Pledge Campaign during the offertory. He will have a conversation with a Board Meeting.

Pictures of the board will be taken Sunday. Communications are working on pledge documents. The theme is Beacon of Hope.

Strategic Planning:

Had a conference call; brain storming on outcomes and strategies and mainly increasing engagement. Took data to arrive at 3 major priorities. We now know which areas people think that we need to work on; innovative strategies to arrive at what we want.

Need to start measuring outcomes and be able to say this is what we want, how we did it and make the measures. Make sure we have the tools to measure. Meeting next week and will have more to report. We need to have the plan with benchmarks and the board will have to approve this plan.

Operations and Ministry Reports: (Individual reports available upon request)

- **Pastor's Report** – Getting ready for Lent. Worship planning team has planned out through Easter. DeWayne will be conducting a Lent Study. Other events will be unfolding throughout the spring. He wants to do a table talk monthly using collaborative communication about a certain topic. Bring in a

conversation within a safe space to facilitate conversation. Examples are Political Divide; Rural vs Urban; the right to die, etc. During Lent, want to have Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. each day for 15 – 20 minutes. Looking or thinking about starting a Sunday School – Adults and Children. MLK lecture planning is progressing well. Have been invited to preach at Sunshine Cathedral. Was interviewed by NBC news about a minister that was against LGBT. Applying to Dr. of Ministry Program. Three weeks intensive in June, not on weekends but 8 – 5 during the week. Will be more intentional about getting guest preachers. Will take Wed – Sunday the week after Easter for time off. Asked to serve on the Board of Outfront. He is inclined to serve and is going to attend a meeting next week.

- **Administration**
- **Facilities / HVAC** – One of the pipes rupture (heating) and immediately taken care of.
- **Recovery Ministry**
- **Technology / Sound** – Soon to get new projector (DeWayne wants to know if it will project movies), vpn issue is being worked by Technology team with Cutting Edge Technology, this will be against the 2017 budget.
- **Hospitality** – going well. Thursday's table is handing out care packets. People are asking for clothing so need to look into storage. Pastor will ask for gloves and hat donations and coats.
- **Community Care** –
- **Social Justice**- Don't have an active group that has an interest. Nathan Black is moving away.
- **Fundraising** – DeWayne to meet with Donavon
- **Duo Fund** – not asking for suggestions. This year DeWayne wants to stick with the ones that need the money and are connected to what we do and stand for. People understand the need for Advocates for Homeless Youth.
- **Social Event** – 1st part of February

Planning for the Coming Month:

- The next Board meeting will be held on February 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
- DeWayne will be leading the prayers for February Board meeting.

Closing Prayer: Will.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.