



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Board of Directors

Minutes

February 15, 2022

Preparing to Do Our Work

The Board meeting was opened at 6:56pm by Becky McDonough. All Board members checked in and shared reading of Agreements. Becky McDonough provided inspiration and Rev Lillie led us in a prayer of reflection and generosity.

Marilyn Kane established a Quorum: 7/7 members present were: Rev. Brock, Alberti, Clayton, Frye, Kane, LaChapelle, McDonough, Vacant Position: One Guests: Collis Floyd

Our Role as a Working Board

Receive and Approve Reports for January 18, 2022 Board Meeting; Treasurer's Report for January, 2022.; Treasurer and Plate Comparison Report for January, 2022; the Pastor's Report for January, 2022; Building & Grounds Report for February, 2022; Fundraising Report for January. Motion by LaChapelle, second by Clayton and approved unanimously.

Jesse Clayton reviewed the Treasurer's Report from the Finance Team for 2021. The overall income for the five (5) Sunday month of January was down \$1885.00 and for the first two (2) weeks in February was down \$90.00; however, expenses were also down \$2405.20.

Jesse Clayton presented information on having an audit. We have not had an audit for the last two (2) years as we changed of our accountant position. The audit line in this year's budget was approved at \$4000 and the bid by Mercurio and Maxwell is \$5750. Jesse made a motion to pay Mercurio and Maxwell the additional money (\$1750) for the audit of 2021. It was seconded by Jim LaChapelle and passed unanimously.

Jim LaChapelle presented information re the mini-golf fundraiser. He contacted Fishhole and Grove. Fishhole in Lakewood Ranch. They will accommodate a 9:00 am start by 40 people with 4 people at each hole. This allows for more people. The fee is \$9.79 per person with a kickback of 30% to us. The Groves has 2 function rooms that we can walk to which accommodate 48 people each. Can do raffles. On a Friday or Saturday, the minimum fee is \$1500 minimum price. They do have another room which can seat 60 people and is no minimum fee on F or S. However, the lunch minimum for that room is \$800 plus a room fee of \$250. So if we had 40 people for a \$1050, it would be a minimum of \$26.25 per person; with 50 people it would be \$21.00 per person. These lunch prices are from the restaurant. However, we can create our own buffet with 2 entrees and 2 sides for \$28.00 per person. The room is for 60 people. Not sure if they would let us do it for 40. The cost would change. With the other room the 48 people would cost \$1500 + \$200 for \$1700 or \$35.42 per person. This does not include the golf which is \$10 so talking about \$45- 50 person. The fundraising part is done by the raffles, ads at holes, some interest from holding money. The course is nice as is the set-up. Also considered is Pirates Cove, Evies. What time period are we planning this for? Conflicts with other fundraisers? Budget line for this is \$12,000. Variety of "what ifs" include cornhole, trivia, big BINGO with

raffles, including combining golf near here and the rest on our land. Incentive to come back here? Luncheon only?

Jim reviewed the status of bamboo fencing. We need 35 more. We have the \$10,000 from Thrive. Vendor was not interested in reduced rate. Jim wants to go out and canvas stores, etc., to see if we could get a deal. We would need \$1375 to cover 25 at high end price. Bonnie has plan for the ongoing maintenance. Motion to approve up to approve up to \$2500 to buy 25 bamboo sections to finish the fence was made by Jesse and seconded by Bonnie, and vote to approve was unanimous.

Our Role as a Strategic Body

From our Reimagining Work Groups, Signage and Land are moving along. Signs would need to be white lettering on a dark background such as blue, green, brown with thin white border. Back side will have short saying like "Please come back!" Deb reported that Land would like to see seating around/near the Prayer Tree. We need to be reporting each month. Prayer Wall will be hidden behind the tree but doable in the front.

Proposed BMOD duties were discussed. Some concern with money count on Sunday handling. The money is kept in the closet and goes after the service. The door will be locked from now on until Board member unlocks and we transport to Office for count. Time for BMOD on site go to 45 minutes before service. Reviewed duties and criteria. Revised version will be posted on door in Sanctuary.

Our Role as a Governance Body

Rev. Lillie thought the Pastor Chat last Sunday went very well across all of the Members especially about the financial issues in this current day, especially legacy from Kam Cummings. Rev. Lillie plans to finish the position description for the Music Director position and start the selection process with ads. Members felt positive about changes on the land. We are hiring a pianist to start Feb. 27th. He was at the service this last Sunday. Rev. Lillie received an email from Nick Viglione who is opening his own design business.

Rev. Lillie provided an update about Manatee Pride. We are an event sponsor so will have a main booth, Rev. Lillie will speak, and an interest poster to attract attendees. In addition, the ALSO Prom is scheduled for 03/26 from 6pm to 10pm. We would be interested in having a booth there. It is an outdoor event.

Rev. Lillie banking world. provided an update about Board vacancies. Our primary candidate was interested and honored but this was not the right time. We also have two (2) others we will be contacting in the near future.

We reviewed our Covid status procedures. We considered taking some limitations away gradually. Stickers can be available and optional for the members and guests. Masks were discussed as optional, even with the choir, however, the singing breath spray would still be close to the front rows. This will be reviewed during the month and instituted if conditions permit. Check-in options are labor-intensive for attendance by sign-in and difficult as attendance increases. Prior to Covid we used a card signed by attendees and guests. For now, we will use Doug and the computer.

Revisions to Policies and Procedures were reviewed. #D-401 on Risk Management Reporting corrected a typo in the last line. #E-506 updated who can be authorized signers due to changes in the electronic banking system. Conflict in who is responsible to oversee the audit is completed is a conflict between the #D-402 which states it is the Board and #E-510 which states it is the Finance Team or Committee. A motion to approve #D-401 and #E-506 as revised was made by Jim LaChapelle, seconded by Deb Frye, and unanimously approved. Policies #D-402 and #E-510 were returned to the Finance Team for action.

Rev. Lillie announced that there was some new action on the land parcel we have for sale. There is an interested party who is requesting an additional 2 acres to the parcel. The buyer plans to build 3 to 4 residential buildings with 2 units in each. The county requires a 50-foot right of way which reduces the amount of the narrow strip of buildable land. The offer still stands at \$400,000.00 that was his original bid.

We used a map to estimate how this impacts our land along that strip. This is still in negotiations so he is looking for the Board's agreement to the additional land. The Board did not vote on this request but all agreed it was okay to proceed with the additional land.

Leaving to Serve.

Outstanding Items: None.

Review Action Items:

1. Accept reports submitted for approval
2. Agreed to pay Mercurio & Maxwell an additional \$1750.00 for our 2021 audit.
3. Approved up to @2500.00 to purchase additional sections of bamboo fencing.
4. Approved revisions to Policy and Procedures #D-401 and #E-506

Closing Prayer:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jim LaChapelle, second by Becky McDonough, and unanimously approved at 09:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marilyn A. Kane, Clerk