St. Jude's MCC Board Meeting
June 10, 2019

Board Members Present: Amy Lewis, Cynthia Collins, Leeann Carpenter, Tim Corbett, Garett Tolley, Donna Hinson

Board Members Absent:

Rev. John McLaughlin opened the meeting in prayer.

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS: John Lankford Susan Lynch and Scott Smith thanked the board for doing a good job.

RESPONSIBLITIES AND ACTION ITEMS:

AGENDA: the agenda was reviewed. Tim made a motion to approve the agenda, and Leeann seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May Minutes approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

- Attendance; attendance appears to be holding steady around the 60-70 mark each week.
- Current membership is 102. Attraction of new people.
- Food pantry: New refrigeration/freezer unit ordered, grant money from Foundation
- Outreach:
- Pride picnic: Sunday, June 16, 2019. Noon to 2:00 p.m. On the grounds of UNCW at Kenan Auditorium. St. Judes is joining the community for a picnic to celebrate Pride month. Following the picnic, a production of Out NC will be performed highlighting stories about love, acceptance, hardship and reconciliation in our community. St. Jude's provided one small table and 16 chairs for three performances.
- Pastor is on a panel discussion, which featured a story in play
- MOB Theater: St. Judes is providing rehearsal space and performance venue.
- Youth group will meet Saturday June 29th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

- AARP sponsored a free screening of Rocketman at May faire on Saturday June 15th. Pastor was a guest speaker who spoke about the history of MCC in Wilmington, and general LGBT history information.
- AIDS quilt venue for Words AIDS Day and week of December 1st.
- SAGE: MCC has a good relationship with SAGE.
- Pride week 2019 is in September.
- St. Jude's is a sponsor for Stonewall Sports and is getting a lot of publicity.

Tim made a motion to approve Pastor's report, and Leeann seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The budget has been revised to show an additional five-hundred dollars a month to the building reserve since the mortgage was paid off
- Tithes YTD; Actual 63704, budgeted 70500 with a difference of (6796). 2018 YTD actual 66323. Change from 2018 (2519)
- Expense Items; 2019 YTD: 68586. Budgeted amount 68778. Difference; 192. 2018: 75028
- Net Gain/Loss: 2019 YTD; (2375). 2019 Budgeted amount 4690. Difference: (7065). 2018 Actual: (7724)
- Favorable Expense Item: vs annual
    - Office Manager $767 less hours and Lana was sick for two weeks in May
    - MCC Tithes $995 less tithes
    - Pest Control $398; we are now paying monthly versus annual
- Unfavorable Expense Item: vs annual
    - Office supplies ($365)-previous purchase of office chair
    - Yard Maintenance ($910)- Received invoice earlier than last year.

Tim made a motion, to approve the finance report, Amy seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

- No report

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

- John Lankford is planning a yard sale on June 29, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for more information contact John Lankford for more details at 540-5660.
- Facebook donations

- Oyster roast-$1300
- People are asking if St. Jude's will have another Halloween ball?

LAY DELEGATE REPORT: General Conference voting information
Congregation forum to be held Sunday, June 23, 2019.
MCCS tri-annual Global Conference will be held Sunday, June 30th through Friday, July 5th in Orlando, Fl.

Each MCC church is represented by their Pastor and Lay Delegate(s), who vote on the official business of the denomination.

This year, MCC will be electing a new Moderator to lead MCC for the next six years, a new Governing Board much like our Board of Directors and voting on nine (9) MCC Bylaw change proposals.

A congregation forum will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service to review and vote as a local church on these items. Pastor and Scott will attend the conference from Sunday, June 30th through Friday, July 5th.

Candidates for Moderator:

Ms. Elizabeth Bisordi: Former MCC Network Facilitator, MCC Office of Church Life and Health, MCC Board Member, currently works at IBM Corporation as Global Operations Leader for Cognitive Solutions

Elder Cecilia Eggleston: Pastor Northern Lights MCC, (England), Regional Elder (2002-2006) for MCC in Western Europe and Africa, current support relations manager for Send a Cow International development charity.

Rev. Elder Tony Freeman: Current interim pastor of MCC of the Palm Beaches (FL), former Director of MCC Office of Church Life and Health, Director of Congregational Life and Health at MCC Toronto, Pastor of MCC of the Rockies (Denver), assistant to pastors of MCC South Beach and MCC Key West.

MCC Bylaw Change Proposals:

1. Remove the requirement at the denomination level that those seeking membership in a local church must be baptized to a sincere desire to join.
2. Change language around gender expression from sexual orientation to gender expression and gender identity.

3. Change gender marking pronouns from he/she to such person
4. Change length of service for Lay delegates from two years to three to coincide with general conferences every three years. St. Judes has already made this change in our local bylaws.
5. Change length of office for MCC governing board members from six years to three.
6. Revise language so that MCC governing board may only fill vaccines on Board up to 40% of the Board (three members) if vacancies arise that surpass the 40% threshold, a special general conference must be held for elections.
7. Remove "disloyalty" from the criteria for discipline for MC governing board members. Other criteria remain.
8. Change criteria for call a special general conference of MCC form 15% of those eligible to vote at a conference to at least 15 churches and no less than two countries signing a petition.
9. Change criteria for submitting bylaw proposals to include representation from two non-US countries to one.

Amy made a motion to approve bylaws. Garett seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:

- Labyrinth repairs have been completed.
- Door will be installed June 19th.

New Business:

- Railings at the alter: Will be tabled.
- Thursday super: vote to raise cost from. 6 to $8. Tim made a motion, Leeanne seconded, it was passed unanimously.
- The Church needs a new grill. The old once will be taken away.

ON GOING BUSINESS:

- Congregation election of board candidates will be held on July 21st. .

Closing Prayer;

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 p.m