

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
April 8, 2008**

Members Present: Keith A., Bettye B., Dave B., Paul L., Denise S., Toni S., Rev. Dr. Carol T., Jenny W.

Members Absent: Valerie J.

Others Present: Rev. Bonnie L, Rev. Bev S.,

- I. Rev. Dr. Carol T. called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Jenny W. shared a devotional and Toni S. led us in an opening prayer.
- III. Rev. Dr. Carol T. established that we had a quorum with 8 Board members present.
- IV. The proposed agenda was revised by deleting item V - D, adding Evaluation for Senior Pastor by MCC under Continuing Business, and Counting Team Issues under New Business. Also add Approval of March Minutes. The agenda was then accepted by consensus.

V. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

A. March, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Denise S. moved to accept the March, 2008 minutes with changes.
Jenny W. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0401*

VI. REPORTS

A. Membership - Bettye B.

Bettye B. reported that our current membership remains at 347. We added one member and removed one.

B. Treasurer's Report - Dave B.

Dave B. explained the budget report that was mailed out to the Board members.

Rev. Dr. Carol T. said that we're at 103% of tithes and offerings on y-t-d and 124% for March.

On the Income and Expense sheet we've lost \$17,000 on our investments. This is a paper loss.

Dave B. moved to approve the March, 2008 financial report. Keith A. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0402*

C. Vice-Moderator's Report - Denise S.
Denise S. reintroduced the BOD Calendar. Internal and external events were discussed. She asked that the BOD consider what events we would like to support as a BOD for the remainder of the year.

D. The Hope and Help Center- Rev. Dr. Carol T.
Rev. Dr. Carol T. said that plans are to launch this in May. It will be a 12 week campaign. It targets Lesbians, Gay men, and those who are HIV positive, but certainly will serve everyone, including transgendered, heterosexuals, etc. It will offer spiritual guidance, referrals and resources, on line and printed referral guides. We've already begun to track all of our pastoral care.

VII. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Board Development - Toni S.
Toni S. and Rev. Dr. Carol T. met with Edie Varley.
Summary: a) She would suggest a continuing curriculum, a study, instead of a one day workshop; b) She spoke our language, i.e. sacred trust; c) She does charge \$250/hr. Ms. Varley proposes that we use her as a trusted advisor. The cornerstone is trust, being trustworthy and trust willing. Everything leads to collective results. People are anointed, called to serve on the Board.

B. Monthly Transfer to Building Fund
No action taken.

C. Miscellaneous Continuing Business
Evaluation Process for Senior Pastor by MCC
Jenny W. went into more detail about this process. The consensus of the Board is that they like the process and this will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Designation of Trivia Night Proceeds
Approximately \$8,500 was raised. Toni S. moved that the proceeds from Trivia Night be used to purchase a computer and software for the media. Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0403*

We typically tithe on fundraisers to an organization. Toni S. moved that we tithe to the Haven House based on the Trivia Night team and Rev. Dr. Carol T's recommendation. Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0404*

Denise S. moved that we tithe 13% of the Trivia Night proceeds to the UFMCC. Toni S. seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding tithing to the UFMCC on fundraisers that are designated for a particular purchase. The motion was withdrawn. The Board will talk with Rev. Elder Lillie Brock about this when she is here.

B. Counting Issues - Bettye B.

On checks to the church sometimes the dollar figure amount doesn't coincide with the written out dollar amount. We will go by the amount that is written out. New counting schedules will be given out. Valerie J. said she might take over being in charge of the counters. Bettye B. is stepping back. She said that if someone is not showing up to count, to let the coordinator know. Also, we are going to get the combination changed on the safe.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm and the Board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bev Stephenson, Recorder