

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
MAY 13, 2008**

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

Others Present: Dan D., Rev. Bonnie L., John R., Rev. Bev S., Edith V.

- I. Rev. Dr. Carol T. opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.
- II. Bettye B. shared a devotional and led us in an opening prayer.
- III. Rev. Dr. Carol T. established that we had a quorum with all Board members present.
- IV. The proposed agenda was presented and accepted by consensus.
- V. **APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**

A. April, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Paul L. moved to accept the April, 2008 minutes with changes.
Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0501*

VI. REPORTS

A. Membership - Bettye B.

Bettye B. reported that our current active membership is 324. We added two new members and one member, Carl R. passed away. Only one out of the 33 inactive responded that they wanted to remain active, so one inactive was put back on active status.

B. Treasurer's Report - Dave B.

Dave B. reported that we are at 101% of tithes and offerings on YTD. Staff benefits will be going down after Rev. Sue's resignation. Under Administrative Rev. Dr. Carol T. pointed out the consolidation of our general accounts.

Bettye B. moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0502*

C. Vice-Moderator's Report - Denise S.

Denise S. said to add to the calendar a time to discuss what the Board wants to do on the golf sponsorship and the Komen Race. September 19-20 are the new Ezekiel dates.

D. Investments - Dave B. & John Russell (given out of order of agenda)

John R. passed out a performance summary of our investments. In January, 2003 we had a balance of \$164,750. We have since added \$308,092 coming to a current total of \$555,696. He then gave an update of our investments and how they are separated into categories, which will be used to benefit us as we buy and renovate.

E. Non Profit Task Force - Rev. Jeff B. (written report)

The name is One St. Louis and is now on our website. They hope to have this for approval at the July Board meeting.

Rev. Dr. Carol T. moved to receive the report. Keith A. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0503*

VII. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Board Development - Toni S. & Edith Varley (given out of order of agenda)

Edith V. gave a presentation for Board Development based on trust and relationship. Rev. Dr. Carol T. went over the process. Edith V. highly recommended two books for the Board to read: **Leadership and Self Deception** and **Jesus, CEO**.

Bettye B. moved that we engage Edith Varley as an advisor/consultant to work with the Board. Keith A. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0504*

B. Monthly Transfer to Building Fund

No action taken.

C. Senior Pastor Evaluation - Jenny W.

Denise S. moved that the Board use the MCC evaluation tool to evaluate the Senior Pastor. Dave B. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0505*

D. Miscellaneous Continuing Business

Rev. Dr. Carol T. reported that Katie H. has 3 bids and a recommendation on the purchase of Computer and software. The motion was made last month and needs no further action by the Board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract to Purchase 1919 S. Broadway - Rev. Dr. Carol T.

Rev. Dr. Carol T. said that we would need a motion to suspend the Bylaws at the Congregational Meeting in order to change the 80% approval.

Rev. Dr. Carol T. moved to suspend that part of the Bylaws which requires approval of more than 50% of members present and voting, to change that percentage to at least 80% of votes cast for the two motions regarding the purchase of 1919 S. Broadway and its financing. Keith A. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0506*

This will be the first item of business at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday.

B. Approval of Financing for 1919 S. Broadway

Denise S. moved to approve the contract to purchase 1919 S. Broadway at an amount of \$1,325,000. Rev. Dr. Carol T. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0507*

This will be the second item of business.

Financing Proposal

Paul L. moved to approve the financing proposal from Pulaski Bank for the loan amount of \$1,513,750 for 3 years @ 6.25%, the first 6 months will be interest only at Prime + 1/4, floating. Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0508*

This will be the third item of business.

C. Discussion on 4247 S. Grand

Tabled.

D. Generis Contract - Rev. Dr. Carol T.

Toni S. moved to approve the contract with Generis. Denise S. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0509*

E. Proposed SOPP Amendment - Denise S.

Denise S. presented a proposed change to the SOPPs regarding Executive Sessions of the Board on pg. 8.

Toni S. moved that SOPP 8.1.3 to be changed to read: Executive Sessions will be held to discuss matters of a sensitive nature. This includes, but does not limit the Board of Directors to matters of appointment, review, discipline, or conflict resolution. In order to maintain the dignity of those involved, Executive Session is restricted to the Board of Directors and, possibly, the individuals concerned. Any other subjects of a sensitive nature broached or discussed during Executive Session will be tabled for the next open Board meeting or communicated to the congregation in a timely manner. Bettye B. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 08-0510*

F. Miscellaneous New Business

It was moved by consensus to support the three areas Rev. Dr. Carol T. recommended to UFMCC's Focus 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm with Bettye B. leading us in prayer. The Board then went into a short Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bev Stephenson, Recorder