

**FirstCoast Metropolitan Community Church**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Monday, June 21, 2021 (recorded)**  
**Current Board: Jackie Gascho, Julie Russell, Sandy Speck, Mari Gilman**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Jackie Gascho, Interim Lay Pastor, Julie Russell, Vice Moderator, Mari Gilman, Treasurer, Sandy Speck, Clerk

**BOARD ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hazel S, Lydia W, Irene S, Ruthie

**Active Members: 50**

**TASK ITEMS**

- The meeting began at 6:05 PM
- Pastor Jackie opened with prayer.

**Review of the agenda.**

Julie added 2 items to the proposed agenda:

- 1) Under Pastor Transition Update
  - a. Add Extension of ILP Jackie's current contract.
- 2) Under New Business
  - a. Add In Person Special Congregational Meeting in August

**MOTION to Accept Agenda with additions Mari/ Julie. Motion Passed**

**CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- Minutes from May 17, 2021 BOD meeting. (Sandy)

**MOTION to accept the May minutes Mari/Julie, Motion Passed**

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT May 17th BOD Meeting (Mari)**

- Reviewed weekly attendance numbers.
  - March weekly average \$534
  - \$914 weekly YTD average (\$769 weekly Budget)
- Reviewed the Income & Expenses for May 2021
- May Taxes were paid to the IRS on 6/11 via online.
- May Assessment Report was completed and mailed to MCC on 6/9 with the check.
- Mo Kelly has agreed to do the 2020 Audit. All the files have been sent to her in May with her goal to complete the audit in June.

**MOTION to accept the Treasurer's reports Mari/Julie, Motion Passed**

**MINISTRY REPORTS AS NEEDED:**

**Service Ministry:** Lydia reported that she has begun assembling 20-25 Blessing Bags to deliver to the DWD dinner on July 17. Mari has obtained all the supplies needed for this outreach effort.

**Received as information.**

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **INTERIM LAY PASTOR REPORT:**

Jackie reviewed her latest report to the denomination below:

First let me apologize for not making a report since March. April May and June has kept me busy. I have attended the webinars for the process for meeting in person again.

I started in the Thriving in Ministry program and have started meeting with the mentor assigned to me.

I attend monthly Tea with MCC and just this month have started to attend Sharing The Journey, with Rev Catherine Dearlove and Rev Aaron Miller!

I, also, started attending the Hybrid Church Peer Support Groups, that Rebecca offered just recently.

I continue to offer tech help to those in need and run Zoom board meetings!

I continue to work with our Vice Moderator, offering support and help with technical issues!

Wednesdays are my bible study in the morning and my second book study in the evenings!

I continue designing worship and putting together midweek newsletter with Mari's help! At this month's BOD meeting, the protocol team will be presenting plan to start meeting in person! Our goal is to hopefully meet in person once a month starting September and a planned meeting in August! Folks that are vaccinated, are starting to meet in small groups for social outings!

In May, Mari and I went to the beach for 5 nights for rest and renewal! Much needed!

In May we celebrated 24 years as a church and focused on our history all five Sundays! Our guest preacher for May delivered an excellent sermon for FirstCoast! Thanks Rebecca!

June is pride month and we have focused on honoring who we are as a rainbow family!

### **Received as information.**

Julie shared that the BOD has asked Jackie to extend her current contract as Part Time IPL through Jan 30, 2022, and the BOD is working with Rev Catherine and Rebecca from UFMCC regarding their extending her contract/appointment as well. Jackie's current contract ends in August 2021.

### **Received as informatiOn**

### **Next Location and Covid 19 Protocol Meeting Updates:**

**Mari began by thanking those individuals that have been meeting over the past 6 months to discuss and plan the next steps for FirstCoast: Sharon, Hazel, Jane, Lydia, Sandy, Sue/Pete and Mari. Recognition also was given to Carol & Shirley, Carol G, Julie and Jackie for providing feedback to the team.**

### **Next Location:**

Please go the FirstCoast MCC Web site and go the June 2021 BOD reports and you'll see both the analysis sheet for the locations and also the Covid-19 Protocol for when we meet in person.

[Board Documents - FirstCoast MCC](#)

Mari recognized and thanked all those faithful members of the team for all their support: Hazel, Jan, Lydia, Sharon, Sandy, Sue/Pete, Carol, Shirley and Mar. Also thankful for all the input and support received from Dr Carol Grigg.

Mari reviewed the analysis of the Next Location the team had done. Identified 18 potential locations that the team reached out to. 5 potentials, 2 not renting at this time, 5 had no space to rent, 6 had no responses from multiple attempts to contact. Out of the 5 potentials, the Holiday Inn Express on 15/95 is the one that currently meets our needs that the team is proposed we utilize at this time. Please see the Board Documents on the web site to see the full list of the 18 locations that were considered.

**COVID-19 Protocol:**

Mari asked if there were any questions on the proposed protocol that the team authored. No concerns or questions were expressed. Please see the Board Documents that reflects the protocol that was proposed.

**The BOD authorized the team to execute the plan proposed by the team for Meeting in Person.**

**Local Health Management Update Covid-19 Monthly Update from Dr Carol Grigg 06/19/21:**

An interesting piece of info off today's AMA webpage: A whopping 96% of all practicing physicians are fully vaccinated against COVID.

1. Over 600,000 COVID deaths since 3/1/20 IN US.
2. US has the most confirmed cases in the world @ 33 ½ million.
3. Hand and mask rules remain in place in healthcare facilities. Relaxed or removed in most places. CDC says if vaccinated, not required.
4. Florida has vaccinated 52% of its population vs. 53% nationally. Herd immunity remains at 80%.
5. UK has recently experienced exponential growth of COVID cases, as have some other countries.
6. US gov't has allocated over \$3 billion to develop a pill for treatment of COVID, perhaps replacing the IV infusions.
7. Possible flu/COVID booster shot this fall.
8. Now is the time to implement a strategic plan to reopening our homes, churches, and communities, but not letting our guard down yet.

Carol Grigg 6/19/21

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Membership Changes: (Sandy) minus 1 due to death  
Norene Olive passed May 2021.
2. July BOD Meeting via zoom: The next meeting will be July 19, 2021, 6:00PM.
3. Outreach:
  - a. Mari shared the message from Feeding the Hungry / DWD St Paul AME church: We are so appreciative of your generous donation to this ministry. We thank you for dropping off goodie bags and your financial donations as well. What a Blessing it is to be a Blessing! Love always, FTH Ministry.
  - b. Mari Suggestions Betty Griffin who needs donations to cover the A/C units the recently installed. While on the meeting Lydia reached out to her contact for Betty Griffin and their need had already

been met! Amen!! Mari also suggested JASMYN as they were expanding their local facility in Jacksonville.

**Motion to donate to JASMYN Mari/Sandy, Passed**

4. Special Meeting in August. Julie shared that our first In Person meeting will allow for social time and followed by a special meeting for all members/friends on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after some social time. The purpose of this meeting is for congregants to have a conversation about what they pray for and see the for future of FirstCoast MCC as well as what each will do to support our future.
5. Received as information: the BOD will have a BOD planning session on 7/12

**The meeting ended at 7:00 PM after closing in prayer by Jackie.**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mari Gilman, Treasurer