

FirstCoast Metropolitan Community Church
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Sunday, October 18, 2020 – BOARD MEETING via ZOOM

2020 – Connecting with Christ

Current Board: Lay Pastor Jackie Gascho – Moderator, Mari Gilman-Vice Moderator, Treasurer,
Dawn Ozanne – Clerk, Sandy Speck, Julie Russell

CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – 57

Opening Prayer

Review of Agenda & Motion to Accept

REPORTS

Clerk of Board Report

Minutes from September 20, 2020 BOD Meeting (Dawn)

next time

Financial Report

September 2020 Income & Expense Report

Misc Items (Numbers, Taxes, Assessment Report)

Ministry Area Reports (As Needed)

POD Meetings

Service Ministry

- Holiday Outreach for Nov/Dec for DWD

Pastoral Transition Update

Rev Dr Renee

Lay Pastor Jackie

Relocation Plan Update

1. Establish 'Next Location Planning Team' via Zoom
2. New FC MCC Signs (Sandy)
3. Storage Update (Mari)

Covid-19 & Meeting in Person Update

1. Local Health Management Update from Dawn & Dr Carol
2. Review and Update Current Plan as Needed
3. Meeting to Discuss Prep Plans
4. Survey for Members & Friends (also include questions on Congregational Meeting)

CARRY OVER ITEMS / Updates

1. 2021 BOD Nominating Planning (Sandy)
2. Congregational Meeting Scheduled for Jan 24, 2021
3. Transition of Administrator Tasks (Mari)
4. Web Site: Our History (Mari)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Changes – if any (Dawn)
2. November BOD Meeting (11/15/20)

Close in Prayer

Closed Executive Session – if needed

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BOARD PRESENT: Mari Gilman, Sandy Speck, Dawn Ozanne, Julie Russell, Jackie Gascho (Interim Pastor), Renee Dubose (Consulting Gap Pastor)

BOARD ABSENT: N/A

LAY DELEGATES: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Hazel, Shirley VanRy, Carol Novak

Active Members: 57

TASK ITEMS

- The meeting began at 2:08 PM
- Jackie shared an Opening Prayer.
- Review of the agenda. Motion to Accept Agenda Gilman, seconded Ozanne. Passed

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

The minutes from August 17, 2020 meetings were presented.

MOTION to accept the August minutes Russel/Speck, Passed

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

- August weekly average \$1,536, \$1,309 weekly YTD average, \$1,396 weekly Budget
- Miscellaneous income Amazon Smile and sell of items increased, decreases from web site quarterly support and the PO box.
- Additional details at [https://www.firstcoastmcc.org/images/board_documents/FC MCC Financials for September 20 2020.pdf](https://www.firstcoastmcc.org/images/board_documents/FC_MCC_Financials_for_September_20_2020.pdf)

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's reports Gilman/Ozanne, Passed

MINISTRY REPORTS AS NEEDED:

POD Group: Rainbow POD plans still going well on Zoom and lowest participants of 10 (average 12-13). Using lessons from UCC website follows the calendar and they are currently in Exodus.

Jackie said her POD (Wednesday) is averaging is about 5 people.

Service Ministry: They are meeting next week. Planning event for November and/or December for congregants to participate in to serve St Augustine.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Pastoral Report: Pastor Renee sent out a report that Mari submitted to the rest of the Board. Rev Renee will be letting MCC know she believed that when the BOD reached out to them about concerns about the former pastor she felt we did not get enough support. Rev Karla also reached out to Rev Renee to see if we could do anything together. Rev Renee feels our church needs time to heal first. She also discussed that the majority of the North Florida MCC congregants are from First Coast MCC.

Interim Lay Pastor Report (Jackie): Putting in about 30 hours per week. Splitting between touching base with congregants and preparing sermons/Sundays. Struggling with music but found some from other churches and gospel singers. Mentoring with Catherine.

Relocation Plan: Need someone to lead this team. Need someone to lead that can make calls during the week and during the day. Need to think about schools and etc. Rev Renee will be happy to work with this person as well.

Signs: Signs are done.

Storage update: Down to two 10 x 20 units. Trying to get rid of bigger stuff like coolers and etc.

Meeting in Person: Still not being in person until next year (TBD – part of survey). Still need people to tithe/donate even though we are not meeting in person. We are not making enough to cover expenses and would not be able to meet in person when the time comes. Need to start developing plans to meet in person when we can. Some other MCC churches may have already prepared policies. Mari has already gathered from two other Florida churches and the MCC. We need to take a look at these and then own the responsibility. Dawn to reach out to Dr. Griggs to see if we can review.

COVID Survey: Looking to add questions about what congregants may want in place when we have a congregational meeting. Jackie still wants to check out Treaty Park but does not believe we should have everyone participate. Julie asked if we should ask a question about why people are not tithing.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Packet/Nominating Team: Updates have been made. Need one update for Lay Delegates. Email distribution is set up that can be used from the Nominating Committee. All replies will be sent to one email address to the nominating team. They will be due back by December 13th. Rev Renee said we may want to consider timing with the election. Probably send out after November 3rd, before November 15th would be good to prevent overlap/focus on election. We can call people before that to encourage them to apply.

Website/Administrator Duties: Mari made progress. Collected credit card, canceled auto ink, using Constant Contact and etc.

Membership Changes: Request came in from Karla to transfer memberships from First Coast MCC, but some of the people she asked to transfer are no longer members. Some were purged after notification attempt per our recent updates to procedures. Judith Pendleton was currently a Member and we will make her transfer effective as of a certain date. For the others, we will

say they were not members (separate letters). Mari will send me the letterhead to send this out. This will take us to 57 Members.

MCC Meeting/Congregational Meeting: Good meeting between the MCC meetings to discuss how they are meeting and how they will handle congregational meetings. Biggest question is determining votes in virtual meeting. Maybe we ask them in the COVID survey how they want to vote. Snail mail, Zoom, Treaty Park, etc. Possibility of also moving the congregational meeting later, but could require approval which still requires a quorum to move. Rev Renee said we should think about this and discuss in the next Board meeting.

Concession Stand Volunteering: We have been volunteering at Jags games for years. Gisselle has been leading for years. Gisselle sent email to Mari. Mari suggested we pass this year. Rev Renee suggested we call them personally and let them know due to COVID we will pass this year, but we do want to opportunity in the future.

The next Board meeting will be on October 18th at 2:00PM at Mari's house or on Zoom. Dawn will not be able to join and will call with her updates prior to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:58 PM after closing in prayer by Rev Renee.

Meeting Minutes by Dawn Ozanne, Clerk of Board.