

FirstCoast Metropolitan Community Church
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Sunday, September 20, 2020 – BOARD MEETING via ZOOM

2020 – Connecting with Christ

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

CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – 58

Opening Prayer

Review of Agenda & Motion to Accept

REPORTS

Clerk of Board Report

Minutes from August 16, 2020 BOD Meeting (Mari)

next time

Financial Report

August 2020 Income & Expense Report

Misc Items (Numbers, Taxes, Assessment Report)

Ministry Area Reports (As Needed)

POD Meetings

Service Ministry

Pastoral Transition Update

Rev Dr Renee

Pastor Jackie

Relocation Plan Update

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

Covid-19 & Meeting in Person Update

1. Review and Update Current Plan as Needed
2. Meeting to Discuss Prep Plans
3. Survey for Members & Friends (schedule in September) (include Congregational Meeting ??)

CARRY OVER ITEMS

1. 2021 BOD Nominating Planning (Sandy)
2. Web Site: Our History
3. Transition of Administrator Tasks (Mari)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Changes – if any (Dawn)
2. Congregational Meeting Scheduled for Jan 24, 2021 (Share MCC Webinar Discussion)
3. Concession Stand Volunteering
4. October BOD Meeting

Close in Prayer

Closed Executive Session – if needed

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Dawn Ozanne, Julie Russell

BOARD PRESENT: IL Pastor Jackie Gascho, Mari Gilman, Sandy Speck, Julie Russell

BOARD ABSENT: Dawn Ozanne

LAY DELEGATES: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Rev Dr Rene DuBose, Hazel Simpson, Carol Novak, Shirley VanRy, Sharon Smith, Dean Heaton

Active Members: 58

TASK ITEMS

- The meeting began at 2:05 PM
- Jackie shared an Opening Prayer.
- Review of the agenda. Motion to Accept Agenda by Julie Russell, Seconded by Sandy Speck. Motion Passed

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

The minutes from July 19th, 2020 meetings were presented. A few grammatical changes and spelling adjustments were made.

MOTION to accept the July minutes by Mari Gilman, Seconded by Sandy Speck, Motion Passed

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

- July weekly average \$838, \$1,277 weekly YTD average, \$1,396 **Adjusted** Weekly Budget
 - Insurance: still working with broker on refund for overpayment. They are dealing with staffing issues due to Covid-19.
- July taxes were paid to the IRS on 8/13. July Assessment report was sent to MCC with the check.
- Reviewed 'actual budget' (reflects expenses for the remainder of this year) for July through Dec 2020 weekly is \$769. Mari did this so everyone could understand how we are able to pay our bills during this period of July – December 2020. Mari asked all to review and bring any questions to the next months BOD meeting or reach out.

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's reports by Mari Gilman, Seconded by Julie Russell, Motion Passed

CONTINUING BUSINESS

POD Update: All 3 PODS are meeting only via ZOOM!. Sandy gave an update on how attendance was running 15 and 12 for the past two weeks as folks are getting used to it. Jackie has regular attendance of 5 each week.

Blessing Bags: Mari gave an update on how Lydia assembled 30 bags that we are delivering to the AMC Church for the Dining with Dignity on Monday 8/17 for them to pass out that night. As of this week our bags also contain disposable masks as well.

Pastoral Transition: Reviewed how beginning in September pulpit Jackie will fill the pulpit weekly except one week each month that Pastor Renee will fill.

Asked if anyone had any questions on the handout reflecting Roles & Responsibilities of the CGP (Consulting Gap Pastor) and ILP (Interim Lay Pastor) that needed to review/discuss. This was included in the BOD meeting handouts on the web site.

Relocation Plan / Prep Plans for When We Meet in Person: Will begin asking for anyone interested in participating in this group via zoom during September. Multi purpose: 1) TBY is a temporary solution 2) need to continue looking for a permanent location (schools, rentals, etc) 3) what changes do we need to make and prepare for when we do meet again. Jackie also shared that it's important that when we do start meeting in person we need to continue streaming the full service online as those folks who have began to rely on us virtually still need that! Sandy shared that some will feel more comfortable the others coming back at different time frames.

Mari has reached out via phone and left a message and Jackie has reached out via Facebook to Beth L to discuss potentially meeting at the Limelight. She has not returned any of thier calls or emails at this time.

New FC MCC Signs: Sandy didn't begin this process yet as she didn't want to store it. Mari shared that they would be good to use for the Worship service and we'd store it for her. Sandy will add it to her list to schedule in the next few weeks.

Storage Shed Update: Nyk, Julie and Mari spent time on Saturday, 8/15 moving ALL the remaining contents in the 10x10 inside storage unit to the Outside 10x20. On Saturday, 8/16 we turned in the 10x10 portion of the 10x30 inside unit and signed a new contract for 3 months for a 10x20 inside unit of \$425. After the three month discount is over, the monthly cost will be \$209. The 10x20 outside unit is \$167. Lydia, Nyk and Mari continue to advertise and move some of the items but it is a slow process. Over time, items are also being donated as well.

Meeting in Person: We continue to listen to what the health experts are telling us. Nothing has changed regarding our decision to not meet in person during 2020.

Congregational Meeting: Jackie suggested that we begin looking at an outdoor park where we could potentially meet at Treaty Park. Jackie will follow up to see about restrooms, see if we can schedule tables, group size, etc. and report at a future meeting.

Survey via Survey Monkey: Mari suggested that we add questions about meeting outside and congregational meeting to the survey for Members & Friends. Still targeting September to send.

2021 BOD Nominating Planning: Sandy is doing her final reviews. Need to give them plenty of lead time. Once the updates are done with dates, etc we will begin putting it on the Midweek for anyone who is interested to reach out. We have 4 positions opened as of Jan 2021.

Pastor Renee provided the suggestion to send the BOD application to ALL Active Members via email asking them to read, pray about it and get back to us. All are invited as 2020 is important about shaping the future of the church. That way ALL will have the same information. Sandy and Julie will work with Pastor Renee on that verbiage to move forward with that plan. All agreed it was an excellent idea to try something new!!

The question was asked if we know within MCC there are any exceptions of forgoing the election. That is governed by the local church bylaws based on term limits. FC MCC bylaws states that if a position is not filled, the remaining BOD members may appoint individuals to fill those positions for the one year term to fill the gap.

Web Site: Needs to be updated 2018 to current. No progress has been made on this effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Changes: The following four individuals have requested to be removed as members of FC MCC: Melissa Peppard, Gisselle King, Mary Collins and Kim Williams. This brings our new Active members from 62 to 58.

Transition of Administrative Tasks: Mari shared the 3 page task list with the BOD members as she has been meeting with Elizabeth over the past weeks to turnover all tasks that are left on the Administrator's plate. She has been asked to get everything turned over by 8/31/20. Jackie and Mari have taken over the Midweek so please provide feedback to allow us to grow. They are hoping that someone will step up in the future to take that over for future updates.

Facebook Numbers: July 19th through August 15th, in the last 30 days we have *reached* (they have viewed something) 1200 people and 1706 *engagements* (clicked on something or liked something)

In closing we asked the participants how the Zoom experience was. All positive responses!!

The next Board meeting will be on September 20th at 2:00PM via Zoom.

Mari Closed in Prayer

The meeting ended at 2:55 PM

Submitted by Mari Gilman