

**MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**May 13, 2010**

**Attendance: BOD Members: Eric H., Ginny H., Jack B., Nancy M., Stephanie M., and Pastor Ty S.**

**Guests—Rev. Celena, Phil G., Terry C.**

1. **Call to Order/Confirming a Quorum**—Moderator Pastor Ty S. called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer**—Stephanie M. gave the opening prayer.
3. **Five Year Plan**—The Board discussed ideas for a five year plan. Ideas included putting mission programs within the existing structure of the Ministry Council, setting a specific number as a goal for membership, defining what it means to be financially healthy, providing for adequate staffing, determining a select number of programs into which to invest energy (such as a program using the expertise of the high number of nurses in the congregation, making the church a community center for LGBT population, etc.), adding sign language to worship, focusing on attracting youth and providing youth programming, working toward a multi-generational congregation.
4. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. **Approval of April 20 Minutes**—Jack B. moved, and Eric H. seconded, the approval of the minutes from the April 20 meeting. The motion passed.
  - b. **Pastor’s Report**—Ginny H. moved, and Jack B., seconded the acceptance of Pastor Ty’s written report. The motion passed. Pastor Ty reported that in the past couple of months there have been no persons coming for the Wednesday evening prayer and anointing. The Board recommended that Pastor Ty consider discontinuing this service.
  - c. **Lay Delegate’s Report**—Nancy M. moved, and Stephanie M. seconded, the acceptance of Phil G.’s written report. The motion passed. Phil G. will be conducting a congregational forum to discuss the new structure on June 6 following Sunday services.
  - d. **Ministry Council Report**—Nancy M. moved, and Eric H. seconded, the acceptance of Phil G.’s written report, including the change of the name of the Congregational Care Ministry Team to Care Ministry Team. The motion passed.
  - e. **Network Churches**—Phil G. raised the issue of whether the fund used for Network meeting travel would be free from assessments, similar to travel for Regional Conference.
  - f. **Board Correspondence**—Nancy M. reported on three pieces of correspondence. One letter was concerning a coalition of local churches to set up a positive response to the picketing of churches. Pastor Ty will follow up with the coalition.
  - g. **Buildings and Grounds**—There was a discussion about the request for the Topeka Peace and Justice Center to remove its files from a room in the church’s lower level that is needed for storing food for Feed My Sheep. Pastor Ty will contact Bill B. to revisit the terms of the storage, i.e. that the files could be stored until the church needed the room. Jack B. discussed the issue concerning the disputed bill on caulking the windows. The work that was not done is considered “glazing” the windows, not caulking, so there was a misunderstanding as to what was to be done on the windows. The company will get back to Jack B. and Terry C. concerning resolution of the misunderstanding. Jack B. also mentioned that this company does repair on brick work, which the church will need sometime in the future.

- h. **Fundraising Committee Report**—Ginny H. moved, and Jack B. seconded, to accept the minutes of the Fundraising Committee, with the correction of the date for the TAP Gala to September 11. The motion passed. Nancy M. volunteered to be the Board liaison to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- i. **Review of Church Calendar:**
  - i. **Board meetings: June 15, July 20, August 17**
  - ii. **Church Garage Sale: May 14 & 15 (Wayne G. & Eric H. coordinating)**
  - iii. **Horizons Team Meeting: May 22, 4:00 pm**
  - iv. **Pentecost Sunday: May 23**
  - v. **Triple Treat Fundraising Series: May 22, June 12, July 17**
  - vi. **First Sunday Brunch: June 6, July 4, August 1**
  - vii. **Congregational Forum: June 6**
  - viii. **Feed My Sheep: June 12 (Ginny H. & Rev. Nancy G. coordinating), July 10 (Stephanie M., Eric H. & Marion S. coordinating)**
  - ix. **General Conference: June 27-July 2**

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. **Monthly Report**—Nancy M. moved, and Eric H. seconded, the acceptance of the written treasurer's report. The motion passed.

6. **Old Business**

a. **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning**

- i. **Committee Membership**—Several people have expressed an interest in being on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee. Nancy M. will contact them and start organizing for the event. Pastor Ty has contacted Rev. Elder Troy Perry's personal assistant to see if Rev. Elder Troy would be available to help the church celebrate its anniversary.

7. **New Business**

a. **Nominating Committee**

- i. **Skills Assessment Tool**—Phil G. will provide the skills assessment tool to Stephanie M. and Eric H., the co-chairs of the Nominating Committee.
- ii. **Committee Membership**—The SOPs call for 3 to 5 voting members of the congregation, with gender parity, to make up the Nominating Committee. Stephanie M. and Eric H. will meet to select committee members.

b. **Stewardship Committee**

- i. **Committee Membership**—The membership of the Stewardship Committee is three to five congregants, together with two Board members who co-chair the committee (Stephanie M. and Linda F.).
- ii. **On-going Activities of the Committee**—Stephanie M. will contact Linda B. from MCC of Omaha to discuss what that church is doing for year-round stewardship activities and Pastor Ty will contact Rev. Elder Lillie for ideas that other churches are doing with on-going stewardship activities.

- c. **Horizons Team**—The minutes of the May 8 Horizons Team meeting were accepted by consensus. The next meeting of the team is Saturday, May 22.

**d. Board Member on Duty—3rd Quarter**

**July 4**-Jack

**July 11**-Nancy

**July 18**-Eric

**July 25**-Ginny

**August 1**-Stephanie

**August 8**-Linda

**August 15**- Jack

**August 22**-Nancy

**August 29**-Eric

**Sept. 5**-Ginny

**Sept. 12**-Stephanie

**Sept. 19**-Linda

**Sept. 30**-Ginny

**8. Other**

**a. International Foundation for Gender Education Conference Report**—Stephanie M. submitted a written report of the IFGE conference she attended last month.

**b. Shawnee County Department of Corrections Seeking Churches as Resources for Newly Released Parolees**—Stephanie M. discussed a new program for churches to be involved as resources for newly released prisoners from the Shawnee County jail. She will provide more details after a meeting later this month.

**c. Pentecost Sunday**—Ginny H. reported on the Pentecost Sunday activities.

**d. Fishes and Loaves**—Phil G. recommended that Fishes and Loaves collect for only the TAP pantry now that Feed My Sheep has been awarded a grant.

**9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment**—Ginny H. moved, and Stephanie M. seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Eric H. gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 6 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Maxwell  
Clerk, Board of Directors, MCC of Topeka