Metropolitan Community Church of the Palm Beaches

Board of Directors Meeting

February 15, 2023

Call to Order: Rich Avato, VM, called the meeting to order 6:15PM, February 15, 2023

Certification of Quorum: The Clerk certified that was a quorum present. In attendance were Richard Avato, Carlos Toro, Barbara Baker and Robert Finley. Also in attendance was Kathy Olejniczak, Worship Coordinator.

Election of Officers: Rich advised that the first order of business was the election of officers for the forthcoming year; that the By-Laws called for the election at the first Board meeting following the Annual Congregational Meeting. Barbara (KayKay) nominated Rich Avato as Vice Moderator, Carlos Toro as Treasurer and Robert Finley as Clerk. As there were no other nominations and the three nominees accepted the positions specified, the Vice Moderator declared the election completed.

Board Check In/ Prayer: Kathy O gave the opening prayer

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval Clerk’s Report – January 2023
2. Financial Statements, ending January 31, 2023
3. Bid of Marco Silva for tiling the parsonage for $7,395.00.

Motion #23-03: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by KayKay to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried with no exceptions.

Worship Coordinator’s Report: Kathy advised that she would be on vacation from Feb. 26 thru Mar. 6, 2023. She will have the Worship programs completed for the Sundays she is gone prior to leaving. She and Freddy Entin have worked out a schedule for the Food Pantry with distributions to be made twice monthly. They have received commitments from some volunteers but will need more to make things run smoothly. She is in coordinating with the Palm Beach Food Project as a source for non-perishable food items.

Old Business:

1. Contract for Door Replacement: Bob presented the contract from

Coastal Windows and Doors, LLC. The contract is in two parts; one

for replacing the 3 Entry Doors and a second bid for replacing all 5

doors. The cost is $21,197.96 for bid 1, with an additional $8,154.70

for the 2 Sanctuary doors. The total cost for all 5 doors to include

permitting, etc. is $29,794.98.

Motion #23-04: A motion was made by Carlos, seconded by KayKay, to accept the bid from Coastal Windows and Doors to replace all 5 doors exterior doors. The motion carried with no exceptions.

2. Status Emerge 180: Carlos reported that he had received, signed and

returned the final paperwork needed to submit our request for

consideration for funding

3. Parsonage Repairs: Rich advised that the new flooring had been

completed. As to the repairs to the one bathroom, it was discovered

that there was no green wall behind the shower tile resulting in the

entire tile wall being removed, green wall installed and retiled. Also,

the wainscotting was removed and the walls tiled, along with a new

tile floor. Michael McKeich has installed a new vanity, fixtures and

medicine cabinet and repainted the walls.

New Business:

1. Renewal Costco Account : Carlos advised the Costco Credit Card was

expiring and inquired if it needed renewing. It was the general

consensus that since we were not purchasing items in bulk there was

no need to keep it active. Carlos will cancel the account.

2. Fund Raiser Consideration: KayKay presented as an idea for a

possible fund raiser the selling of a new tee shirt. She and Miriam had

developed a new slogan that would advertise the church as

well as raise funds. It was decided that she would display a sample to

see if there was any interest before making it a project.

3. Interim Pastor Discussion: There was a general discussion concerning

the need of calling an interim pastor, term of employment and salary,

the denomination’s guidance and assistance in presenting a candidate.

It was determined that we would do an individual discernment and

present our recommendations at the next board meeting.

Motion #23-05: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Carlos, to adjourn the meeting. The Vice Moderator adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM, February 15, 2023.

Robert L. Finley, Clerk