

**MCCSF**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**110 Gough Street**  
**October 26, 2008**

MCCSF Board Present: Rev. Lea B, Lewis D, Michael C, Kelly M, Bill L, Rick R, Troy B

Absent: Mendel B

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Lea at 1:20 p.m.

**September 2008 Board Meeting Minutes**

Approval of minutes moved by Rick; seconded by Michael. Passed unanimously.

**Pastor's Report**

Worship – A “greeter” training was held this week. Prayer training has also been held. These will be ongoing trainings. Lea, Jeff and Stephanie attended the Worship Design Studio – it was an excellent, very helpful training. A focus group with the Worship and Praise Team is upcoming. Joshua will work on an “altar guild” type of organization.

Pastoral Care/Community Life – There will be a Dia de los Muertos service at this week's Taize Service. The DSL sermon series was very well received – great feedback. The congregational groups are up and running. There are six groups; all full. A tea is being planned. Given finances and demand on other resources, the spring-time Saratoga retreats have been cancelled. Other options, such as a day-long retreat, will be explored.

Administration, Staffing and Fundraising – Lea had her six-month evaluation with Rick and Kelly. There was input from 24 persons out of 49 invited to provide input. Lea found the review to be useful, but realizes that six months was too short in some ways. There was an excellent staff planning day last week covering the first six months of 2009.

Community Outreach – Lea wrote an op-ed piece in favor of the upcoming ballot proposition to decriminalize prostitution.

MCF – The Foundation Board held a meeting in September. Their 2009 Board Meeting dates have been scheduled. MCF is working on a holiday gift drive for kids-in-need. Various food programs are under consideration. The Read Aloud Program is continuing.

ACTION – The Secretary will sign the Clergy Status Form for Rev. Lea B on October 26, 2008.

ACTION – The Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast will be November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. We are looking for interested attendees.

Rick moved and Kelly seconded a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The month of September produced a record monthly loss in 2008 of \$15.5k. There was lengthy discussion of expenses and revenue and attendance trends. Pillars will be coming in October and November, but our month-to-month numbers require response.

Troy moved and Rick seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved unanimously.

### **Region I Conference Debrief**

Stephanie was in charge of worship at the conference and did an excellent job. The conference was fairly light on business. Ken M was elected Elder by an overwhelming margin. There was also a vote on moving the nominees for Moderator forward to the 2010 General Conference. Nancy W was approved for nomination as Moderator.

### **Committee Structure**

The Board reviewed the documents prepared by Kelly for moving forward with the revitalized committee structure. Following up on a commitment made to the congregation after the Fall Retreat, there will be committee outreach and sign-ups on Sundays in November.

### **Board Size, Term Length, and Skillset/Qualifications**

Kelly sent out a report on research conducted about other churches.

**DECISION** – Kelly moved and Lewis seconded a motion that Board terms remain at two years. Passed unanimously.

**DECISION** – Kelly moved and Rick seconded a motion to reduce the number of members on the Board to seven (six elected plus the Pastor). Passed Unanimously.

### **By-Law Changes**

All of the proposals were reviewed and discussed. They will receive a final review and decision at the next Board meeting.

### **Good-To-Great Team**

Kelly spoke with Lillie B and clarified roles. The team, composed of Paula, Stephanie, Jeff, Rick and Kelly, will hold a conference call with Lillie in early November. They will be refining the goals with more detail.

### **Staff Holiday Love Offering**

**DECISION** - Lewis moved and Troy seconded a motion to receive a love offering for staff in December. Passed unanimously.

**Congregational Meeting**

It was decided that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 25, 2009.

**Executive Session was held.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Bill Lowell, Clerk  
MCCSF Board of Directors

**Next Meeting:           Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm.**