

Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING
Tuesday – February 9, 2016
7:00 PM, Room 8
1480 SW 9th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

- I. **Call to Order:** Denev called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Durrell lead us in affirming:

Dear God,

We rejoice in the gifts that we have to share, in the vision to which we are committed, in the community we are forming, and in the lives that we are touching with the power of hope and healing. We give thanks for the work we do, knowing that it is your spirit flowing through us that is changing lives. Bless the Sunshine Cathedral to be a blessing to our community and to the world. Amen.

III. Roll Call

Board Member		Effective May 1, 2015/ Year Term Expires	In Attendance	Term Limit
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins	Vice Chair	Ex Officio	Present	-----
Denev Priddy	Chair	2016	Present	3 of 3
Cathy Tullo		2017	Present	2 of 3
Lynda Pantoja		2017	Present	1 of 3
Dennis McWilliams	Treasurer	2016	Present	1 of 3
Robert McCormick		2017	Present	1 of 3
Twila Wilson		2016	Present	2 of 3
Allan Dupuis	Secretary	2017	Present	2 of 3
Robert Rhoads		2017	Present	1 of 3
Mary Fedoration		2016	Present	0 of 3
Melody Fiore		2016	Present	0 of 3

Guests: Reverend Walt, Reverend Robert, Chuck

- IV. **Approval of Board Minutes from January:** Allan reported that the January Board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved on line.
- V. **Discussion Items**

- A. **Minister of Church Administration Report and Treasurer Report:** Rev Walt conducted a review of the weekly cash position report and stressed the inclusion of the monthly expense report that is now included. He provided an overview of the bank and credit card

fees that we pay on a monthly basis. Discussion ensued regarding trends and possible interpretations of the report. He also reviewed the Operating Account Reconciliation and Cash Reconciliation/Restricted. A/P Aging Summary was also reviewed. Dennis questioned the process of placing income from events into the reserve account. This past event was placed into operations. Revered Robert will provide Reverend Walt with the memo detailing the disposition of funds. Lynda requested clarification of entries on the new information that Reverend Walt still needs to update.

B. Senior Minister's Report: Durrell reminded members of the Columbarium dedication at 5:30PM and Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00PM

C. Executive Minister's Report: Nothing to report

D. From the Chair: Kudos to the Board and how fortunate we are to have the Cathedral. Thank you for all you do to make us who we are.

VI. Old Business-

a. Fundraising 2016

- i. **Miss Ritchfield February 26 event update:** Mary provided an update on bar service needs for the event. Volunteers for items were identified. Members of the Board will donate liquor for the red wagon raffle.
- ii. **St Patrick's dinner March 12 Update:** Allan provided an overview and update on needs for this event. He requested Board involvement in supplying the food for the event. Board agreed. Details will be finalized by email.
- iii. **Review of proposed plan from 2/3/16 meeting.** BR provided an overview of the outcome of the fundraising meeting held last week. He distributed document listing those events that have been decided and open dates for others. He presented a draft of the flyer for the Sunshine Cathedral Cruise slated for January 2017. We will begin promoting the event this Sunday. BR pointed out that the projected identified events will fall short of the 50K needed from fundraising. Discussion ensued. Dennis reminded the group that when doing events we can pull in volunteers from the congregation who can do all except handle money. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed LGBT Prom and Bingo and April. The remainder of the year schedule was reviewed.

VI. New Business

- a. Presentation by Durrell: Durrell provided an overview of White paper on having Sunshine Cathedral Join Multiple Faith Organizations: Highlights of the report we stressed. Durrell has met with Key members of the Board and Foundation Board as well as staff. The "none" affiliated group has been the fastest and largest growing group as people leave the traditional denominations. He provided an overview of the history of our denomination and how it flourished when it was a movement. As the denomination veered from the social justice movement and became more mainstreamed it has experienced decline. The denomination recently underwent a reduction in force at the denominational level. Durrell is requested that we not break with MCC but align ourselves with forces that are thriving and not dying. We need to sow our ministry seed in ground that promotes our message. Proposing that Sunshine Cathedral officially affiliate with
 - i. Global Justice Institute (already affiliated with MCC) We would be the first church to affiliate officially. Thus far they are supported by individuals.
 - ii. Progressive Christian Alliance: This has become a thriving entity that has emerged from the Progressive Christian Center.
 - iii. International Council of Community Churches: This is a member of the global and national level. They do not have a theology. But is a council of multiple theologies. Diversity is valued and autonomous local church is supported.

Joining these organizations would not diminish our presence in the community but enhance it and affiliate us with a growing entity as opposed to being tied to a dying denomination. Our costs would be minimal as it would replace what we are currently committed to giving MCC. MCC has become increasingly punitive in enforcing their desires. Discussion ensued regarding risks of this course of action as well as remedies in

addressing the risks. Foundation Chair and Treasurer are aware of the plan. Allan motioned for proceeding with joining of Global Justice Institute, Progressive Christian Alliance and International Council of Community Churches. Dennis seconded the motion. Questions were addressed regarding tithing to the ICCC. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

- b. Approval of Foundation Board Roster: No new members, Roster approved
- c. March collection witness schedule: Dennis requested individuals to take responsibility for Sundays in March.
- d. Renewed Check signing cards: Revered Walt requested identification of who are the approved signers for checks with Iberia Bank. Members in attendance completed the forms and submitted copy of Driver's License. The Board recognizes that all of above identified Board members are authorized signers.
- e. Publicity committee: Mary tabled

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business Kathy motioned for adjournment. BR seconded and the members were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. Next meeting will be on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully,
Allan E. Dupuis
Secretary