

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by at 7:00PM by Revered Durrell.
- II. **Opening Prayer**

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	-----
Deney Priddy	Chair	2016	Present	3 of 3
Cathy Tullo		2017	Present	2 of 3
Lynda Pantoja		2017	Absent	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: Rev Robert, Rev Walt and Chuck

- IV. **Approval of Board Minutes from February:** Dennis motioned, Twila seconded. Board approved.
- V. **Discussion Items**
 - A. **Minister of Church Administration Report and Treasurer Report:** Rev Walt provided an overview of the financial performance meeting. He reviewed this weeks' performance, it is tight but we are making ends meet. Discussion ensued regarding balance sheet and

reconciliations. Reserve account and restricted accounts are intact. Further discussion regarding coverage for instrumentalists and organists. Rev Robert shared that our goal is to retired half of the age payables after the Easter Lily program. Rev Walt reviewed the balance sheet as of Jan 31, 2016. Discussion ensued. Kathy motioned to approve, Dennis seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

- B. Senior Minister's Report:** Rev Durrell reported on the success on the Leadership Academy. Thanks and kudos to Phil Cordell for his generosity and his participation. Several new faces joined us for the first time. Discussion ensued. Suggestion that we stress that each year is new and not a rehash of previous presentations. Next year participants will be asked to bring a friend.

Durrell reviewed the need to replace one person on the Board this year. There are five people who have been vetted. Dennis and Deny will approach the candidates to ensure we have a full Board.

Durrell reviewed activity on campus this week. Bell choir is back and will debut on Easter Sunday. Bell choir will perform on Pentecost and Gay Pride. In addition there is a Pillars reception to launch Capital Campaign 3. Thursday is the Foundation meeting. Friday, Mandy arrives for our presentation. Saturday there is a funeral, our dinner and Mandy's presentation. Discussion ensued.

Durrell then provided an overview of Holy Week and Easter services. On April 17 0900 our intern will debut. Discussion ensued.

Durrell discussed plans for the summer and the need to focus on drawing locals to our campus during the summer. If we focus on this then when the snowbirds return we will have a net gain of 100 people. We need to focus on our marketing and grass roots inviting people intentionally.

Durrell reported that there has been some changes in the plans for the Trans naming day based on outreach to leaders in the trans community. In light of this, there will be a separate service that we will all be invited to attend. Trans naming service is slated for first Sunday in November.

He reported that the Divine Science Federation will be having their annual meeting here the last week in July. Our support will be most appreciated.

Durrell announced that Gail Tapscott UU is retiring and returning to her native home. He is hoping to have her speak before she leaves. She has been a long time friend of this congregation. We are looking at May.

- C. Executive Minister's Report:** Reverend Robert expressed gratitude to all who participated in the security training. He reviewed further plans for continuing the education. ADT has come out to survey the needed improvements. We are awaiting their bid. He shared how we have expanded activity and working relationships for programming and marketing with the Foundation. He requested assist with GLBT Prom event April 23. Mary offered to do bar. March Madness raffle has been deferred to later in the year. He provided an overview of the event. He requested assistance in reporting anything that needs to be repaired.
- D. From the Chair:** Deny announced that as we become more of a venue we have purchased arm bands to be used at the events to help distinguish paid attendees and decrease confusion over drink tickets.

Deny initiated discussion regarding Board support of the Easter. Discussion ensued. Board will do group collection.

VI. Old Business-

a. Fundraising 2016

- i. **February 26 event review:** Mary provided an overview of the financial success of the Miss Ritchfield event.
- ii. **St Patrick's dinner March 12 Update:** Allan provided an overview of preparations for St Patrick's dinner.
- iii. **Cruise Update:** BR provided update on numbers of cabins reserved and status of perks. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of "cruise insurance".
- iv. **Disney:** Mary reported on the availability of tickets from Disney that cannot be allocated to a church. Discussion ensued re which partner could use this and enhance our connections.

VI. New Business

- a. **Collection witness schedule:** Dennis reported that March and April have been scheduled. May has one opening that will be addressed by the new board.
- b. **Ad hoc marketing committee:** Deny provided a brief overview of the concept and suggested that Mary be named to head it. Mary expanded on the concept. This would be more of a PR committee than marketing committee in light of not having a budget. She requested that we all bring copy of our local community newspaper that are always looking for information to put in their publication.
- c. **Back of the House Ministry:** Cathy announced that we would begin back up training on AV operations. She requested preferences for when training for this group.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business, Cathy motioned for adjournment, Melody seconded and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 7:00PM

Respectfully,

Allan E. Dupuis
Secretary