

Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Meeting
Tuesday – April 12, 2016
7:00 PM, Room 8
1480 SW 9th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

- I. **Call to Order:** The April Board Meeting of Sunshine Cathedral was called to order by Deny at 7:02PM.
- 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: Reverend Robert, Rev Walt

- IV. **Approval of Board Minutes from March:** Motion made and seconded via email. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- V. **Discussion Items**

A. Minister of Church Administration Report and Treasurer Report: Dennis provided an overview of the balance sheet for February. Rev Walt reviewed balance sheets and

accounts. Discussion ensued and questions answered. Next meeting will be for review of March that will be presented in the May meeting. Allan motioned to approve, Cathy seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Rev Walt then presented an overview of the current cash position. Discussion ensued regarding position. Questions were clarified. He then reviewed restricted accounts status. Rev Robert provided clarifications regarding the use of these accounts. Lastly he reviewed aged payables. Nothing at this time is over 30 days. Discussion ensued regarding city of Fort Lauderdale alarm charges. Rev Walt and Deny will address. Reserve account was also reviewed.

- B. Senior Minister's Report:** Rev Durrell provided an update on getting new seating in the sanctuary and launching of a new campaign for this process. The new seating will increase occupancy to 500, we currently seat 331. This would facilitate having two Easter services instead of three. We would continue to offer three Christmas services to accommodate pre darkness need. Discussion ensued regarding completion of current campaign and initiation of new campaign. We could start new campaign with half of needed funds for the seating. He reviewed the outcome of the new chancel arrangements. There has been an adjustment in congregation seating as was hoped. BR requested that broadcast of the communion rite be put on the screen on the right hand side. Cathy reported it is doable. Will be referred to Ron for implementation. He announced the addition of two new chairs for stewardship moments that will be occurring throughout the year. He announced the sale of two windows, the spirit window and Christmas window for Columbarium have been purchased. He reported that the Leadership training that was done here was done in MN and it was well received. The time was donated and trip was funded by our congregation. Rev Durrell then initiated discussion of the current AV ministry which has been vacated and the need for a development person. We also have need for a receptionist. All of this will be merged into one position save for development and we will fill that position by the end of the year. Development which has been getting done by a development team will continue to be met by this format and will be added to current job descriptions. He announced the addition of a "handyman" type person who Kurt was paying out of pocket. As of Friday we have hired him for three hours a week. This meets the person's needs and fills a large void that is currently experienced on campus. Rev Durrell also announced that Kurt will have a title change next year to Facility Management and Sound Engineer. Reminder of Divine Science meeting next month. Four of five alliances in place. Fifth is in progress. Tree of life is now in Narthax as well as giving kiosk. Three more volunteer clergy in the wings. Lynda and Deacon Margarita will be ordained in Divine Science. Nancy Davis will be ordained Interfaith Minister. All three will be volunteering with us. Durrell reported that when he arrived we were forty quarters behind in our denominational contributions and we are currently six quarters behind. He reviewed growth for Q1 in Sunday worship. we have grown by 181 people. He echoed Rev Walt's expectations that we will be solid by end of year especially since the debt is to ourselves.
- C. Executive Minister's Report:** Rev Robert announced that the parking lot is going to be repaired this week funded by the foundations. Mary questioned source of Foundation funding. Cathy provided an overview of how Foundation is funded. Reverend Robert then announced roof over bathroom in social hall is being worked on next week.
- D. From the Chair:** Deny expressed kudos to ink pen idea for Easter. He also expressed pleasure with the new chancel set up. Kiosk in front not working and needs to be addressed. Ushers also don't know how to use the kiosk and may need to be trained. Discussion ensued re need to do updates and overhauls to our current donation systems.

VI. Old Business-

a. Fundraising 2016

- i. **St Patrick's dinner March 12 review:** Event was held and raised \$700. Need to revisit meal events.
- ii. **LGBT Prom:** Rev Robert announced this event is postponed for now
- iii. **Cruise Update.** 32 cabins and 62 folks. Still some inside and balcony and there are still two perks available through May.

- iv. **Disney:** Mary echoed availability within parameters.
- b. **Publicity committee/plan:** Mary provided update and collected local publications from members who brought them. Mary requested removal from email list April 27 to May 22 as she will be on a retirement vacation.
- c. **Back of house training:** Cathy announced for the next two weeks training will be available. Requesting volunteers. BR will do this week. Dennis on the 24th.
- d. **Security training:** Rev Robert reminded the board that the next level of training April 17 or May 1 after 2nd service in sanctuary.

VI. New Business

- a. **New Board Member:** Deny reported that he is deferring the selection of the new person as it should be tabled to the new Board. Discussion ensued regarding the process. Discussion ensued regarding candidates. A list of potentials was identified and Rev Durrell will reach out and extend invitation to join the board.
- b. **Bingo:** Rev Robert announced Bingo May 21, Theme to be announced.
- c. **Closing:** Deny expressed his pleasure at having been a member of the Board for the past six years. He expressed his appreciation of the spirit of team work. He encouraged continued teamwork and the ongoing dream that we can be a “mega church”. Deny expressed gratitude to everyone who has worked so hard to make us who we are today. The board expressed its’ gratitude for his many years of service through a unanimous motion of acclamation.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business Dennis motioned for adjournment, Twila seconded and the members unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Next meeting will be on May 10, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully,

Allan E. Dupuis
Secretary