

**Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Meeting**  
**Tuesday – August 9, 2016**  
**7:00 PM, Room 8**  
**1480 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315**

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dennis at 7:08
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Rev Lynda led us in 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**

<b>Board Member</b>		<b>Effective May 1, 2016/ Year Term Expires</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Term Limit</b>
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins	Vice Chair	Ex Officio	Present	-----
Dennis McWilliams	President	2018	Present	2 of 3
Cathy Tullo		2017	Excused	2 of 3
Lynda Pantoja		2017	Present	1 of 3
Robert McCormick		2017	Present	1 of 3
Twila Wilson		2018	Present	3 of 3
Allan Dupuis	Secretary	2017	Present	2 of 3
Robert Rhoads	Treasurer	2017	Present	1 of 3
Mary Fedoration		2018	Present	1 of 3
Melody Fiore		2018	Present	1 of 3
Ernie Curinga		2018	Excused	1 of 3

**Guests:** Rev Walt, Rev Ty, Rev Anne,

- IV. **Approval of Board Minutes from June:** Motion and second by and approved by email
- V. **Discussion Items**

- A. **Minister of Church Administration Report and Treasurer Report:** Rev Walt presented an overview of financials for May and June. Highlights were positive end in

May. In June accounts payable stable, income positive and due to financials adjustments reduced the amounts to 21K. Rev Walt then reviewed current standing. We are still in the black however just barely by taking everything out of reserve. All total at this very moment we are short by \$559.47. We are beginning to build up funds towards upcoming events. Lastly, in aged payables, the most critical is the FP&L bill that is due Thursday. Discussion ensued and questions were addressed. Rev Robert announced that we will be enter budget preparation 2017 in September. He requested everyone attend the financial health meeting in September and October.

- B. **Senior Minister's Report:** Rev Durrell thanked everyone for all the work done for the conference and ordination and events. He initiated discussion regarding anticipated growth of our leadership conference. He expressed his desire to ramp up and expand our leadership academy and make it a full fledged conference. While it will take investment at the front end, it will net income. We are going to apply for corporate sponsorship and individuals to sponsor. Evening worship during the event will include an offering that will go to us. Excellence in ministry and best practice will be the focus with noted speakers brought in to discuss vitality, ministry and social awareness. Planning for 100 attendees and targeting event in February 22-24, 2017. Weekly planning meetings have begun. Discussion ensued. Durrell initiated discussion regarding his desire for us to engage in discussion of who we are institutionally. Further discussed our fluidity and the potential to distance ourselves from MCC labeling to decrease the pre judging that this labeling presents. Essentially the Board has already engaged in the process but over the next six to eight months we need to expand and enhance the discussion. Goal is to have the board make a decision on identity by end of 2017. Mary suggested including the Gay Men's chorus to provide entertainment at the conference. Questions and discussion ensued. Lastly he provided a handout on our affiliations and partner organizations.
- C. **Executive Minister's Report:** Rev Robert announced Thanksgiving harvest begins this Sunday. Next week tenting will be done of the three buildings. Discussion ensued regarding need for pews and new administration building that is sinking. He reviewed upcoming concerts and events that we will be hosting. He reviewed the holiday concert series. Overview of outreach events all of which are going well. Rev Anne provided overview of groups and events resuming as summer ends. Rev Durrell announced that with the ordination of Rev Lynda and Rev Margarita we have the ability to provide Spanish weddings. He also announced Ty's upcoming ordination.
- D. **From the Chair:** Dennis requested consideration for someone to head up the Thanksgiving harvest campaign. Discussion ensued on expectations of the person. Mary volunteered to head. Thanks and kudos to Mary. Dennis also requested consideration of doing bar service at the concerts. Board agreed to engage in this. Scheduled events were reviewed. Dennis acknowledged the success of the Divine Science conference and the ordination of Rev Lynda and Margarita.

#### **A Fundraising 2016**

- i. **Cruise Update.** BR provided an update. Celebrity has re instituted the two perks. We are up to 60 people.
- ii. **Durrell's 50<sup>th</sup> Fundraising bash:** BR provided an update on plans for this event. Issues with the venue have resulted in the cancellation of this event. We have a multitude of events that will bring in the revenue. Durrell's birthday will be noted in style.
- iii. **Gratitude Text to give campaign:** BR provided an update. We did not meet our goal but the event has increased awareness of text to give.
- iv. **Match Game Fundraiser.** Rev Robert announced that plans are in works for this event. Details to follow

#### **VII. New Business**

- a. **Sunserve Board approvals:** Sunserve presented the boards with bios of nominated members for their Board. The vitae were reviewed. BR motioned, Allan seconded and the board unanimously approved the new members for Sunserve Board.

**VI. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Lynda motioned and Bob seconded. The board unanimously approved adjournment at 8:16PM. Next meeting September 13, 2016 at 7:00PM

Respectfully,  
Allan E. Dupuis  
Secretary