

**MCCSF  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
110 Gough Street  
September 11, 2008**

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

Guest: Rev. Jeff B

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Lea at 6:35 p.m.

**August 2008 Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Affirmation of Calling for Joshua L**

Joshua's Call to Ministry statement was circulated in advance of the meeting. Kelly moved and Mendel seconded a motion to approve the Board's continuing support of the UFMCC ordination process for Joshua L. Passed unanimously.

**Pastor's Report**

Worship – Joshua will be focusing his time on worship services. A 7:00 pm focus group was held and proved to be a great source of information. The next research step is an online survey. Staff will be attending worship training from October 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Memorial Service for Holly was very well done and was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Stephanie will be taking vacation for the month of November. No-cost or low-cost replacements are being sought.

Pastoral Care/Community Life – There are a lot of pastoral care issues at the moment. There has been good feedback from the congregation for the care offered. Lea and Jeff have put together a plan through the end of the year for small groups and activities for pastoral care and spiritual development.

Administration, Staffing and Fundraising – Additional HR policies are being developed. Staff is wonderful! The office space is definitely cramped.

Community Outreach – Lea and Jeff were on a panel at the Berkeley Jewish Community Center after the screening of "Jihad for Love". Lea is talking with "No on Prop 8" groups about how we can help.

MCF – The Foundation Board had a very good session with Rev. Elizabeth M. Harvey

Milk Academy is still an exciting focus – the Read Aloud Program is starting again. The collection of supplies for the Rainbow World Fund is going well.

150 Committee – This effort is going very well. The clean up has made great progress. Steve F has been working on lighting. Paul S is donating paint. Interior stuff is being sorted.

Michael moved and Kelly seconded a motion approving the printing of a notice in the church bulletin regarding the exercise of caution towards individuals requesting personal loans from other congregants. Passed by a vote of 5 in favor; 2 opposed.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

The month of August numbers are still preliminary because the Board meeting is being held so early in the month. August had a loss of \$9,447 and the year-to-date loss is now \$28,525. Rick moved and Mendel seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved unanimously.

Fundraisers are coming up in October – December, but reserves are very low and we are operating “on the edge”.

Kelly presented a quote for property insurance for 150 Eureka for \$17,500. This is a large amount, but is the best we can do after an extensive search process. Our hope is to obtain a better quote some time in 2009 after we have established a record as properly insured.

DECISION - Rick moved and Troy seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report including proceeding with obtaining the described insurance. Passed unanimously.

### **Development Committee**

Bill reported on the plans for three Pillars dinners in October (two) and November (one). The Pillars Committee is following up the mailed invitations with phone calls. So far we have about eight acceptances and the first dinner in October looks to be almost sold out.

Rick reported that the 2009 Pledge Campaign goal has been set at \$350,000. The campaign will begin officially on October 5<sup>th</sup>. 100% participation of both Boards is being sought prior to the official launch of the campaign.

### **Web Site Status**

Dan emailed two prototypes to the large committee (including Board members). Both versions were well received. Preferences were discussed and Lewis will be reporting back to Dan.

### **Church Events and Alcohol Policy**

After much discussion of various policy options over the past several months, the following policy was adopted:

“MCCSF recognizes and supports the many people in our community who are on journeys of recovery, and we are committed to ensuring that those in recovery are able to fully participate in the life of this Community.

To that end, we ask event organizers to ensure that an appropriate number of events are alcohol-free, and to indicate which events are alcohol-free in promotional material.

We ask everyone who attends an alcohol-free event to strictly adhere. Please do not consume alcohol at such events, even behind closed doors. Please do your part to ensure that the event is 100% alcohol free.”

DECISION - Michael moved and Kelly seconded a motion to adopt the policy. Approved unanimously.

### **Board Recruitment/Skill Set/Size of Board**

There was a general discussion of these topics by Board members. No decisions were taken.

**Executive Session was held.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

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

**Next Meetings: Board of Directors casual discussion meeting set for Sept 22 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Joint Boards and Staff Retreat Follow-Up set for October 3 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Regular Board of Directors Meetings:**

**Sunday, Oct 26 at 1:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.**