

MCCSF
Congregational Meeting Minutes
Kanbar Center, 44 Page Street, San Francisco
February 17, 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Seminarian Jill Sizemore opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's report

MCCSF Board Clerk Adrienne Krug announced that a quorum was present. Board Co-Lay Leader Bill Lowell asked members to review the minutes of the four congregational meetings held in 2007 (January 21, May 20, September 16, and November 4). A vote was taken to approve the minutes. (The motion was made by Jack Hubbs and seconded by Troy Brunet). The members voted unanimously to approve.

Elections

Each of the seven applicants for the four open positions on the MCCSF Board offered a statement. The two candidates for lay delegate each made a statement. The congregation voted and the ballots were collected to be counted.

Reports

Co-Lay Leaders

Bill Lowell reviewed the highs and lows of this past year.

- ❖ We followed the transition process outlined by the denomination and used the information gleaned through forums, interviews, and surveys to search for a new pastor. We were blessed to be able to call Rev. Lea Brown three months ahead of schedule.
- ❖ We brought our finances under strict control and were able to end the year with a small surplus.
- ❖ We moved worship services from the LGBT Center to the Kanbar Center.
- ❖ We moved our offices twice within the 110 Gough Street building.
- ❖ An architect was chosen to rebuild at 150 Eureka.

In short, we accomplished a lot in a difficult, painful year filled with many challenges. MCCSF has had difficult years in the past, and we have come through a lot as a community. We are poised now for what we hope will be a period of growth and renewal.

Co-Lay Leader Barbara Buckley, whose term ends with this meeting, thanked the community for its support, with special recognition of the two men with whom she has served as Co-Lay Leader, David Brinkley and Bill Lowell. Barbara also thanked former treasurer and retiring board member, Chris Wagner, current treasurer Kelly Mazzei, and retiring board member Adrienne Krug.

Treasurer

Kelly Mazzei reported that we finished the year on a positive note, due to the generous bequest of a congregant, and our success in managing our money more efficiently. Some details from 2007:

- ❖ Our rent at the LGBT Center was \$1,000 per Sunday; we are now paying \$350 per Sunday at the Kanbar Center.

- ❖ Taize services were also moved from an outside location to the Kanbar Center.
- ❖ The property at 138-140 Eureka had not been fully rented, and now it is.
- ❖ The denomination allowed us to pay a graduated amount on our tithe, which approximated 50% of the amount that would have been due for the entire year. We have now resumed paying 14% each month on our projected annual income of \$375,000.

(The full summary is attached.)

Lay delegate

Jack Hubbs reported that lay delegates will now be meeting every three years; the next meeting is June 28-July 3, 2010 in Acapulco, Mexico. Former MCCSF Senior Pastor Jim Mitulski has been elected Regional Elder for Region Two. The sub-regional meeting is March 7-9 in Stockton. All are invited to attend. The regional meeting is in Hawaii September 25-28.

Metropolitan Community Foundation report

MCF Board President Karen Dickinson said that the Foundation's food programs are being maintained, but that volunteers are needed, especially on Fridays for Simply Supper. Read Aloud volunteers are needed as substitutes. The Foundation's programs will be reviewed when Lea arrives.

Review and confirmation of 2008 Budget

Kelly Mazzei reported that the budget has been flat lined for 2008, in part due to the election of our new senior pastor, who will review the budget when she arrives next month. The budget assumes \$350K in pledges – we are currently at \$220K – and active fundraising. The new budget will be adopted by the board and confirmed by the congregation after a series of budget forums to be held in the coming months. (The full summary is attached.) The congregation voted unanimously to confirm the budget as presented.

Rev. Lea Brown's installation

The date of the service is Sunday, April 20 at St. Gregory's on Potrero Hill. There will be only one service that day in the late afternoon; the exact time is not yet determined.

Results of vote announced

Bill Lowell announced that the following members have been elected to the MCCSF Board of Directors: Lewis DeSimone, Rick Rosser, Mendel Bokser, and Michael Cronin. Barb Hargrave and Jack Hubbs have been elected as lay delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Volunteer clergy Rev. David Mundy closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes prepared by:

Adrienne Krug, Clerk
MCCSF Board of Directors