

Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco
Congregational Meeting Minutes
150 Eureka Street, San Francisco, CA
January 25, 2009

Meeting Called To Order at 12:45 p.m.

Board of Directors Co-Lay Leader Rick R opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's Report

Board of Directors Clerk Bill L announced that a quorum was present with 67 members having signed-in. Rick R moved and Charles L seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on February 17, 2008. The motion was approved by a vote of 66 in favor and 1 abstention.

Reports (all distributed electronically in advance and distributed at the meeting)

Senior Pastor

Lea spoke of the amazing journey of her first year as pastor. She recognized and thanked the MCCSF Board of Directors, the MCF Board of Directors, staff and all of the committees that contributed so much on the journey of the past year.

Co-Lay Leaders

Rick highlighted the success of our new staff; the move back to 150 Eureka and the incredible work of everyone involved in that effort, the successful pledge drive. He also reminded everyone of the great success and outreach accomplished through the 2008 Gala Tour.

Treasurer

Kelly M summarized the financials as she had at four special congregational forums held in January. The year ended with a \$40,330 loss. Some expenses had no effect on cash, e.g. benefits accruals. The deficit was financed by the use of operating fund reserves. Fundraising results exceeded the budgeted amount and 138-140 Eureka Street was fully rented all year. Denominational tithes were reduced to 7% in 2008 and are set at 8% for 2009.

Lay Delegates

Barb H referred to the written report and summarized that the conference worship experiences, for which Stephanie S was co-leader, were terrific. The most important business item was that Ken M was unanimously elected as Region I Elder. The conference also voted to move forward the nomination of the Rev. Elder Nancy W as the candidate for UFMCC Moderator at the 2010 General Conference.

MCCSF By-Law Amendments

The proposed by-law amendments had been reviewed at all four special congregational forums held in January.

ARTICLE IV – CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Motion by Rick R, seconded by Chris W – Replace Paragraph B with: “An annual Congregational Meeting shall be held in the 4th Quarter of the year on or before the first Sunday of December at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.”

Approved: 62 Yes; 0 Opposed; 2 Abstentions

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion by Rick R, seconded by Lewis D – Replace Paragraph C with: “The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) members; seven (7) members elected from the active membership of the congregation and the Senior Pastor.”

A friendly amendment was accepted with 60 votes in favor to change the semi-colon to a colon and reorder the sentence to read

“The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) members: The Senior Pastor and seven (7) members elected from the active membership of the congregation.”

Approved: 47 Yes; 10 Opposed; 6 Abstentions

ARTICLE VI – SENIOR PASTOR

Motion by Rick R, seconded by Glenn S - Replace Paragraph C.1 with: “The Search Committee shall consist of the lay members of the Board of Directors and four (4) additional members at a Congregational Meeting.”

Approved: 62 Yes; 0 Opposed; 1 Abstention

Board of Directors Elections

Ballot instructions were delivered. Candidates for the Board shared their statements. After a prayer, members were asked to select up to four names on their ballots.

Review of 2009 MCCSF Budget

The budget was adopted by the Board of Directors at its December 2008 meeting. Kelly reviewed the budget, which had previously been discussed at the four congregational forums held over the past few weeks. Kelly also updated the meeting on the pledge total that has reached a little over \$301,000 for 2009 vs. \$223,000 for 2008.

Presentation

The SHIFTHappens Strategic Direction document was reviewed. Special thanks was expressed for the Rev. Elder Lilly B and UFMCC leadership in assisting our church with its planning efforts. The planning was begun at a day-long retreat of the staff plus the MCCSF Board and the MCF Board last autumn. Many meetings have taken place since that time and Lilly has been available to help facilitate the discussions. The shift to growing the “core leadership” was also discussed. Rev. Jeff B talked about building the

infrastructure for personal connection and involvement (building relationships) and also reviewed a chart that is helping to visually map discussions and plans.

Appreciations

Lea led a segment expressing official recognition and appreciation to the following:

MCCSF Board members from the 2007-2009 term: Bill L, Kelly M, Troy B, and Steve J

All of the MCF Board members and especially Karen D who finished serving two years as President and who went to great lengths securing and administering grants and giving frequent “hands on” assistance. Richard F was recognized for serving on the Board during 2007-08. Special thanks was also expressed for Adrienne K steady leadership of the read-aloud program at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy.

Lea also recognized the extraordinary work done every week by Christine P producing the eConnections and to Dan L for leading the effort to produce the new church web site.

Election Results

The Clerk reported the following election results compiled by the vote counting committee:

Elected to serve 2009-11 terms - Kelly M, Dan L, and Glenn S

Meeting Adjourned with prayer at 2:45 p.m.

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