



UU Jackson Board Meeting April 18, 2023

ATTENDANCE

President Katie: Coates
Past President: Stacy Callender
Secretary: Dianna Albertson
Treasurer: Lisa Dunn
Trustee 1: Bob Keller
Trustee 2: Evelyn Moore

Quorum reached

Other Attendees:

Jill Morgan
Snowdancer (Jim Beck)
Eric Wood

AGENDA

Reading
Chalice Lighting
Approve Minutes
Ongoing Business and Review Reports
New Business and Updates
Looking Ahead
Closing
Checkout

OPENING

Check-in 6:41 p.m.
Reading of Deeply Woven Roots by Katie
Chalice Lighting and Covenant 6:44

APPROVE MINUTES and REVIEW REPORTS

Minutes from the last board meeting were approved by Lisa and seconded by Katie.

Treasurer Report

Lisa has no financial report due to a January \$235 missing receipt, but a decision was made that it can be charged to the garden fund.

Lisa expressed frustration because people are using the credit cards and not turning in the receipts from these purchases, which has been an ongoing problem, and she will not continue as treasurer when the term is up.

ONGOING BUSINESS and UPDATES

Ministerial Church Committee on a Search for a Minister

Jill updated the board on Tupelo church's willingness to do a shared half-time contract to pay. Both churches need to assess what each is able to pay. Only one church will run all the financials. Lisa will provide what funds are available. Faithify might be an option to supplement funds.

Rev. Love has been doing our services exclusively, so we do not have to open it up to anyone else according to Snowdancer.

At the congregational summer meeting, there will be update followed by bringing the issue before the board for a vote.

Remalyn's Real Estate Contract Repairs and Insurance

Stacy reported that we can't move forward on closing on the building, Remalyn's agreement is she will pay off the balance month by month, paying \$1,500 in rent. Lisa noted that the longer it takes her to pay off the property it is costing the church. The realtor is charging the church a commission of \$90 a month and back billing for previous months they hadn't been charged.

Bob will contact the real estate agent but needs information to proceed on redoing the contract.

Lisa will contact the repairman.

VOTE:

Stacy: I motion that of the \$20000 per month, \$1500 will be rent, and \$18500 will be put in escrow toward the purchase price, until the total cost is covered.

Motion to approve by Stacy and seconded by Lisa.

Jill Morgan left the board meeting at 7:40 pm.

CPA and Non-profit Status

Bob suggested hiring a bookkeeper and an office manager instead of a CPA.

Lisa said that if we file as non-profit, IRS and the state will become involved in our business because we will have to file income tax returns.

Snowdancer suggested using an adjunct group to the church to do this work but Lisa said that would involve more people because you have to be careful who is hired and there is a concern about running out of money and having to let them go.

MS Gulf South New Deal is an organization within an organization which is willing to give us money, according to Katie, that can be used for the treasurer and office personnel positions. The issue has been tabled for future discussion.

Garden Budget and Earth Day Meeting Schedule

The garden budget is approximately \$14,000. The garden team meets every other Monday. There will be an Earth Day event on Sunday with food provided by PosiGen based in New Orleans. The Earth Day service will be recorded.

Update on Architecture's Meeting

Moving forward with the architectural plans is contingent on selling the property to Remalyn.

Schwab Account Update

Stacy and Katie need to sign, date and return forms to Schwab and provide them with the minutes from the board meeting.

Removed from account:

Maureen McGuire

Eric Wood

Patricia Ice

Added to account:

President Katie Coates

Past President Stacy Callender

Water Bill and Drainage Issue

The board applied for the water bill relief this evening via the website.

Katie will call the water company, again, about fixing the drainage leak outside the building and by the street that we are being billed for erroneously.

NEW BUSINESS

Zero Waste

Proposal for Zero Waste in Jackson is willing to sponsor a recycling program at the church and will coordinate with Replenish. Katie and Damond will manage the separation of plastics for recycling.

Posting of the hours and the days the church will be open for the community and a list of recyclables of what is accepted needs to be done.

General Assembly

Snowdancer and Freeman will be the 2 delegates going to the General Assembly on June 21 -25 from 11:00 am to 12:30 am. The church can do a live feed for the congregation.

LOOKING AHEAD

At the next congregational meeting, on June 11, we will take the important votes at the beginning of the meeting before people start to leave.

The new board term starts July 1. There will be vacancies for president-elect, treasurer and secretary.

CLOSING OUT

Circle Checkout

Extinguish Chalice 9:09 p.m.

