

## **Minutes of Board Meeting May 17, 2015**

**Board members present:** Wayne Moskowitz, Randy Wedin, Bussho Lahn, Susan Nelson, Paul Gilsdorf, Jodi Williams

**Board members absent:** Karen Davis and Deb Mielke

**Staff present:** Tim Burkett, Administrative Director (A.D.), Ted O'Toole

**Other priests present:** Ben Connelly

**Other MZMC members present:** None

### **Attachments/handouts:**

2015 Budget  
MZMC financial projections

### **I. April 2015 Minutes**

Martin moved, and Jodi seconded, to approve the April minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **II. Disclose any conflicts of interest**

None were disclosed.

### **III. Facility Development Committee Update**

Ben Connelly reported that three design professionals had been met with. By June meeting committee should be able to report who the person/firm chosen will be. One individual offered to do the work pro bono and is unlicensed. A builder would need to come in at some point in the process. Ben presented Financial projections related to facilities development.

### **IV. Fundraising Discussion**

There was a discussion about the annual appeal letter. Suggestion that the focus of the letter will be on the seed money needed for the Facilities Development process to move forward. The 2015 appeal will be split for the first time into two parts: one round for members and those close to MZMC in June (goal \$10,000), and another round in October for those we would like to cultivate as donors. Before the October solicitation, this second group will receive some positive, non-soliciting publicity.

A.D. reported on event coming up in MZMC back yard by Wayne's daughter's group. Susan and Randy reported on their ideas for events. Next week we will meet with Barbara Nichols. Wayne moved that we form a development committee. Susan seconded the motion. This will appear on agenda of our next meeting.

### **V. Programs for Mindful Living**

Tim gave report on possible development of a new non-profit, subsidiary to MZMC, with work and investment by Guy Gibbon. The aim of nonprofit will be to allow MZMC to reach out into the wider community and run programs paid for by foundations grants that religious organizations are not eligible to receive. These programs, in turn, could bring some funds back to MZMC, increase the Center's

influence and visibility, and possibly offer additional employment to interested staff. Will not compete with, or limit, or change current MZMC programs. Handout will be sent to the Board to consider the possibility of incorporation and the composition of the board for the new entity. Vote will be at next meeting.

**VI. Teacher report by Tim**

Books coming out with readings. Retreats, classes.

**VII. Admin report including budget (A.D.)**

Finances for April passed out. Income exceeding expenses at this point in the year. Income under in retreats and fundraising at this point in the year.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Martin, seconded by Randy.