

## **Minutes of the MZMC Board Meeting**

June 11, 2017

**Board members present:** Rebekah Anderson, Janet Brown, Karen Davis, Paul Gilsdorf, Wayne Moskowitz, Randy Wedin

**Staff members present:** Tim Burkett, Wanda Isle, Ted O'Toole, and Admin. Director

**Other MZMC members present:** Pat Stahl, Bonnie Versboncoeur, Bill Woywod

### **1. May Minutes**

The minutes were amended and then approved. (Randy moved and Paul seconded.)

### **2. Disclose and Conflicts of Interest**

None.

### **3. Facility Development/Capital Campaign Discussion**

Prior to this meeting, Admin. Director shared the information about the MZMC options and costs with the priests that had previously been shared at the May 21 Board meeting and invited the priests' participation at the June 11 Board discussion on this topic. Ann Bauleke, Ben Connolly, Guy Gibbon, Bussho Lahn, Susan Nelson and Mark Turbak provided their comments in writing. Other priests were in attendance at this Board meeting.

Ted O'Toole kicked off a Council Process, facilitating the process with those in attendance at the meeting. The goal was not to reach a decision about a final solution but to check in with attendees about where each was at with respect to the five options on the table.

After the Council Process, Wayne Moskowitz proposed that we conduct a straw poll to see whether any of the five options could be taken off the table at this time. Following were the results of the straw poll. The written input from priests who were absent from the meeting was consulted in order to identify their "votes" for the straw poll.

- 1) Renovate and add on to current space – WE AGREED TO TAKE THIS OFF THE TABLE AT THIS TIME
- 2) Sell Calhoun property & purchase another – 10 VOTED TO TABLE THIS IDEA FOR NOW; 8 VOTED TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER
- 3) Raze current building & build on the same site – WE AGREED TO TAKE THIS OFF THE TABLE AT THIS TIME
- 4) Renovate current space, including porch and garage, with no change to footprint – WE AGREED TO EXPLORE/DEFINE THIS SOME MORE
- 5) Consider/explore satellite locations – WE AGREED TO EXPLORE/DEFINE THIS SOME MORE

We agreed that the Board should focus most of its resources and attention on Options #4 and #5 above at this time.

We also agreed that the votes were close enough on Idea #2 to possibly warrant some exploration regarding the nature of available properties. We agreed to do another vote at the next Board meeting to decide whether or not to further investigate Option #2. Admin. Director will extend an invitation to the priests to participate in this further discussion and vote, either in person or in writing.

Other interesting ideas that came up but that we agreed not to actively pursue at this time included:

- An online/cyberspace presence
- A standalone addition

#### **4. Friend-making**

- Speaker series reach-outs re: meditation to churches and synagogues
  - Temple Israel – fall program planned
  - Plymouth Congregational Church – fall program planned
  - Tim to talk to Unitarians
- Open House – June 3. Went well. We should do this annually though may not continue to align with the annual garage sale. The annual Aquatennial might be a better time to draw crowds.
- Fall Tea Ceremony – Pat volunteered to help coordinate with the tea ceremony organization. He will talk with Deb Mielke about what she learned last year.
- Maintaining contacts with media outlets – Admin. Director and Tim proposed that each Board member take “ownership” of 2-3+ media outlets and build relationships that will help strengthen our publicity of events. We will revisit this at the next Board meeting.

#### **5. Fund-raising and Annual Appeal**

- Fall Workshop - we are planning a 1-day “Mindfulness for Busy Professionals” workshop for the fall, modeled after last year’s successful Norman Fischer program.
  - Tim is working on the schedule/program for the day
  - The Board reviewed a draft of a brochure and sponsorship materials to be shared with organizations that might sign on as sponsors of this event. A final version of this will be shared by Wednesday. Board members are then encouraged to solicit hosting organizations. Please provide the sponsoring organization name and contact information to Admin. Director, Janet or Mark. We plan to cut off solicitation of sponsors by the end of July
- Annual Appeal – held in June - to raise \$15K, which will be matched by a donor
  - We have raised \$6,000 so far
  - Wayne, Karen, Janet and Mark to serve as special speakers at dharma talks on 3 Sundays in June. The last pitch will be delivered on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in July

#### **6. Teacher Report**

- No outside speaker will be coming this year after all
- There is lots planned for the fall, including ordination, lay event, initiation

#### **7. Administrator Report**

- Radon report turned out good

- The Membership-Committee hosted picnic is scheduled for July 8 – Board members are encouraged to attend/participate

**8. Adjourn**

Wayne moved and Randy seconded.