

**Leadership Team, Mount Comfort Church
September 25, 2021**

Champions of Who We Were | Representatives of Who We Are | Leaders of Who We Are Becoming

Present, Leadership Team Members: Sandy Abel, Mary Ann Crisman, Sandi Hudson, Megan Jones, Kathy Lee, Reverend Ethan Maple, Deric Roberts, Chris Sexton, Christine Sturgis, Tim Waymire, Kristy Willhelm

Absent: Ron Arthur, John Bundy, Jack McKinney, Rose McKinney,

A special meeting of the Mt. Comfort Church (MCC) Leadership Team was called to order at 6:33 p.m. at Mt. Comfort Church. Ethan Maple opened with prayer.

The team discussed the Letter of Intent from [REDACTED], regarding the purchase of the Mt. Comfort Church, Mt. Comfort campus property. By signing the letter, Mt. Comfort Church would enter into good faith negotiations with [REDACTED], for the purchase of Mt. Comfort Church property, which [REDACTED] proposed to purchase for \$2,500,000.

The team discussed the pros and cons of signing the letter. A concern was the cost to relocate, which would far exceed the proposed purchase price. An additional concern was how sustainable the Mt. Comfort campus would be in the current location, which now is an industrial development zone.

Deric Roberts moved, and Tim Waymire seconded that Mt. Comfort Church decline to sign the Letter of Intent presented by [REDACTED], to enter into confidential negotiations for the purchase of the Mt. Comfort campus property at a cost of \$2,500,000. The motion carried.

Pastor Ethan will inform CBRE, the real estate broker firm which presented the letter of intent, that Mt. Comfort Church is declining the [REDACTED] offer, as the offered sale price would not be sufficient for the church to relocate in a new facility.

Pastor Ethan then asked the Leadership Team to list things to consider if Mt. Comfort campus did choose to sell and relocate. The list included the following: growth opportunities, location, facility, ministry, programming, community engagement, sustainability, legacy, heritage, God's will.

Pastor Ethan then asked the team to discuss the future of Mt. Comfort Church, Mt. Comfort campus, in the current location. Is it sustainable to stay in this location? In a few years, thousands of dollars of capital improvements will be needed to keep the facility well maintained. Things to consider: What is the point of diminishing return? Consider faith over fear. Pastor Ethan asked team members to be praying about this. Whatever decision the Leadership Team makes, the congregation will vote on it, and the Conference will have a say.

Pastor Ethan asked to keep confidential the name of the company which made an offer in order to honor the request of confidentiality in the Letter of Intent; however, general information may be shared (MCC received an offer to purchase for \$2,500,000, which the Leadership Team declined).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Pastor Ethan closed in prayer.

Sandra Hudson
Recorder