

Leadership Team, Mount Comfort Church, Inc.
October 11, 2022

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

Present, Leadership Team Members: Sandy Abel, Ron Arthur, Mary Ann Crisman, Sandi Hudson, Kathy Lee, Ashley Litton, Reverend Ethan Maple, Marcia Piercy, Deric Roberts, Chris Sexton, Kristy Willhelm, Jim Winter.
Also Present: Crystal Maple, Shawn Matney. **Absent:** John Bundy, Megan Jones, Tim Waymire.

The meeting of the Mt. Comfort Church, Inc. (MCC) Leadership Team was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the church's Mount Comfort Campus.

LOVE & LEARN- Rev. Ethan Maple opened the meeting with a reading of Psalm 150, and then he asked team members to share something they celebrate about Mt. Comfort Church. He then offered prayer.

LEAD –

Affirm Email Approvals – The consensus was to affirm acceptance of the following motions that received approval via previous email votes. 1. The minutes of the September 13, 2022, Leadership Team meeting were accepted and approved. 2. Financial support in the amount of \$200/month from the Missions Fund for Dawn Sethman, local missionary for Family Life, to partner with Mt. Comfort Church, Inc. and help with programming and resources to reach families was approved.

By the Numbers

Financials – Church Income/Expenses for September:

September Income/Expense | \$30,374.30 - \$34,643.04 = (\$4,268.74)

Joyful Days September Income/Expense | \$27,968.00 - \$36,236.48 = (\$8,268.48)

General Fund Balance = \$36,228.47 | Joyful Days Balance = \$23,585.36

Restricted Accts = Discipleship = \$8,688.09 | Missions = \$3,417.60 | Facility = \$35,301.27 |

Rainy Day = \$75,575.50 | Joyful Days = \$254,890.60

Legacy Gift Balance = \$20,530.22 | Batts Trust = \$228,912.48

Attendance, September 2022

Philly/MtC – September 4 – 37/101 | September 11 (combined worship) –115 | September 18 – 54/107 |

September 25 – 50/91

Sunday Average: Philly Campus = 47 | Mount Comfort Campus = 99.6 | Combined Average = 138.75

Discussion Items

Financial Accounts Status Update – All MCUMC accounts are now closed, and associated credit cards cancelled. All bills are being paid through the new accounts for Mt. Comfort Church, Inc. (MCC), and new credit cards have been issued. The Mt. Comfort Campus mortgage is closed and paid in full. Question: Does Mt. Comfort Church, Inc., need to file a new Form 136 (Application for Property Tax Exemption) this year?

2023 Budgeting Conversation – Deric Roberts reported with the payoff of the church mortgage, the budget will have funds that can be allocated elsewhere, and we need to set our priorities. Leaders in charge of specific ministry areas need to share their budgeting priorities with Deric as soon as possible.

Joyful Days – Ashley Litton reported. Joyful Days will be closed for holidays November 24 & 25 and December 24 – January 2. Ashley proposed having staff in-service on January 2, 2023. This raised some questions, as it is a national holiday. Pastor Ethan noted that staffing remains a challenge; the program needs five new hires to be fully staffed, and he asked the team to keep the Joyful Days programs in their prayers. It was suggested that the church have an organized effort to support the staff with cards, encouragement, and treats.

Facilities – Areas/Projects of Emphasis – A church workday is set for October 15 at the Mt. Comfort Campus (MtC). Projects include work in Joyful Days rooms, painting, and the garage. More people are needed. Jim Winter reported on MtC areas that need attention: more lighting in the parking lot, especially by the childcare doors; parking lot repair, as after the first snow plowing, the asphalt repair patches will be scraped away; and HVAC work. The water fountain by the sanctuary women's restroom will be replaced with a water bottle filler. Classrooms will be updated for children's ministry.

Acoustic Panels – Jeff Janiszewski has requested approval of an expenditure of \$3,200 for acoustic paneling in the MtC Sanctuary. These are charcoal gray, would be professionally mounted, and reflect a discount of \$2,200.

Deric Roberts moved, and Ron Arthur seconded approval of the purchase and installation of acoustic panels for the Mt. Comfort Campus sanctuary, at an estimated cost of \$3,200 payable from the Rainy Day Fund. The motion carried.

Advent Schedule – Pastor Ethan reviewed the upcoming calendar dates for the Advent season: November 27 – Ladies Christmas Tea (MtC); December 3 – Holiday Bazaar (MtC); December 11 – Kid’s Ministry Christmas PJ Party (MtC.); December 18 – Mt. Comfort Church Ministry Christmas Concert (MtC); December 21 – Longest Night Service (with Community Health at MtC); December 24 – Christmas Eve Service (MtC); December 25 – Christmas Worship combined (Philly); January 1 – No In-Person worship service.

Ministry Area Updates

Joyful Days – Ashely Litton provided a written report via email prior to the meeting.

Discipleship – Mary Ann Crisman reported. Children’s rooms will be shifted to the north end of the MtC. This will happen after Christmas, and work is in progress. The new youth area is in progress and should be finished by end of October. Some funding will be needed to furnish the new youth room. Some small group advent studies area being planned.

Missions – Pastor Ethan said the Missions team wants to highlight what Mt. Comfort Church is doing with missions. You can expect to see the various outreaches highlighted in the coming weeks.

For the Good of the Church

The CPR class provided to Joyful Days staff is open to Leadership Team members.

Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser – Our Lady of Apostles Family Center on N700W has asked us to partner with Mt. Comfort Church for a fundraiser. We would sell Chick-Fil-A meals, which would be available for pick-up at the Mt. Comfort Campus on Thursdays, 3-5:00 p.m. We would need volunteers on site. We would split profits 50-50. The consensus was to give Pastor Ethan permission to work with the Family Center’s director to see if it is feasible.

Crossroads Air Show 2023 -- Chris Sexton is on the steering committee for the 2023 air show at Mt. Comfort airport and would like to pursue having the MtC parking lot reserved for VIP parking. The church would receive an honorarium. Pastor Ethan asked Chris to get more information, including how many parking spots would be needed and the amount of the honorarium.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting is set for November 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Comfort Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hudson, Recorder