

Leadership Team, Mount Comfort Church, Inc.
January 10, 2023

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 Wilhelm, Jim Winter.
Absent: John Bundy, Megan Jones, Tim Waymire. **Also Present:** Shawn Matney, Jeff Janiszewski, Justin Croft, Valerie Do, Crystal Maple, Julian Marshall.

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 at 7:00 p.m. with 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, asking what stands out to you in these verses. He then opened the meeting with prayer.

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Minutes Approvals –The minutes of the December 13, 2022, Leadership Team meeting were emailed to team members prior to the meeting. Deric Roberts moved, and Sandy Abel seconded approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

By the Numbers

Financials – Church Income/Expenses for December:

Mt. Comfort Church December Income/Expense | \$81,911.00 - \$33,616.64 = \$48,294.36

Joyful Days December Income/Expense | \$24,325.00 - \$33,555.17 = (\$9,230.17)

General Fund Balance = \$69,829.84 | Joyful Days Balance = \$14,038.59

Restricted Accounts: Discipleship = \$21,040.07 | Missions = \$16,941.20 | Facility = \$60,875.78 |

Rainy Day = \$114,487.63 | Joyful Days = \$247,146.45

Ron Arthur moved, and Jim Winter seconded that Mt. Comfort Church change from \$35,000 to \$40,000 the amount in the monthly General Fund balance that will trigger an internal transfer of funds to Restricted Accounts as follows: 10% Rainy Day, 10% Facility and Maintenance, 5% Discipleship, and 5% Missions. The motion carried.

Attendance, Dec. 2022 -- Philly/MtC = December 4 – 40/110 | December 11 – 44/95 | December 18 – 43/84 |
Combined events/worship: Christmas Concert - 224 | Christmas Eve service - 128 | Christmas worship – 49
Sunday Worship Average: Philly Campus: 42.3 | Mt. Comfort Campus: 96 | Combined Average: 116.25
Jeff Janiszewski reported that Mt. Comfort Church online viewing is getting 100 – 200 clicks per week.

Discussion Items

Highlights of 2022 – Pastor Ethan asked the team to respond to the question, “What highlighted 2022 at Mt. Comfort Church for you?” He also asked the team to share the names of volunteers who stand out in their contributions to Mt. Comfort Church. Pastor Ethan noted how incredibly blessed Mt. Comfort Church has been.
2023 – Pastor Ethan next asked the team to respond to the question, what hopes do you have for Mt. Comfort Church in 2023?

The Comfort House – With the acquisition of \$250,000 granted to Mt. Comfort Church by the Hancock County Commissioners from the American Rescue Plan, the project to renovate the Philly parsonage for an emergency housing shelter for two families is ready to move forward. Funding should be available next month. We will take bids for the project, and the consensus was to appoint an ad hoc committee to facilitate this process. The goal is to launch the opening of the Comfort House in fall 2023. Planning ahead, MCC will need to budget approximately \$17,000/year for The Comfort House for utilities, upkeep, and an in-take coordinator. Mary Ann Crisman suggested we have a One Thing designated for the needed household items for The Comfort House. Pastor Ethan asked for volunteers and names of persons who might be interested in serving on the committee, and he will contact them and get the committee established.

Facility Updates – The light switches in the classrooms with the room-divider at the Mt. Comfort Campus need to be wired on separate circuits (SE hallway, Building One). Jim Winter will follow up.

Future Affiliation – As six months have passed since Mt. Comfort Church disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, the team discussed whether Mt. Comfort Church should affiliate with any denomination, network, or ministry group. Pastor Ethan noted that this is optional and recommends that nothing be decided until after the United Methodist Church's 2024 General Conference and the newly formed Global Methodist Church's Convening Conference. The consensus was to maintain the status quo for now.

All-Church/Members' Meetings – Business meetings for Mt. Comfort Church, Inc. members are scheduled for February 26, 2023, and May 21, 2023. The February meeting is set for 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Comfort Campus and will include updates and time for Q&A. A new business item will be establishing the process for nominations to the Board of Directors. The election for open positions will occur at the May 21, 2023, meeting.

Board of Directors, 2023 Nominations – The terms of four directors are expiring: Sandy Abel, Ron Arthur, John Bundy, and Deric Roberts. All are eligible to serve another term. This will be determined at the election at the Mt. Comfort Church, Inc., Members' Meeting, May 21, 2023.

For the Good of the Church – The annual Chili Supper is set for February 5, and the majority of the proceeds will go to the Youth Mission trip, and a portion of the proceeds will go to Joyful Days Childcare/Preschool.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Comfort Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hudson, Recorder