

**MINUTES**  
**MCC-Portland**  
**Board of Directors**  
**DATE: 12/12/2017**

Opening Prayer/ Reflection	Rev. Nathan Meckley, A prayer to our lady of Guadalupe.
Call to order	7:07 PM
Lightning Round	Completed
Approval of the Agenda	Motion made to approve the agenda with amendments made by Enrique Andrade and seconded by Kelly McFarland. Motion carries unanimously.
BOD Members Present	Rev. Nathan Meckley, Enrique Andrade, Jody Beal, Michael Whitaker, Terry Furman, Kelly McFarland, John Larsen, Mason Briquer.
Observers	Patty Ostendorp, Carolyn Hammett
BOD Members Absent	Janie Zimmerman, Vicky Sharp-Zook
MCC-Staff Present	None
Appreciations	Note of Thanks for Randy Faber for decorations. Gail Bumula and Kimberly Brown for the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**REPORTS**

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as corrected, made by Jody Beal seconded by Mason Briquer. Corrections pointed out and general discussion. Motion carries unanimously. Note, Kelly McFarland would like a list of BOD Terms, Enrique Andrade will send to the BOD.

Pastor's Report: Motion to receive the pastor's report with corrections made by Jody Beal seconded by Kelly McFarland. Motion Carries unanimously. BOD covenant moved to discussion items.

Treasurer's Report: Jody made an explanation of the Treasurer's report regarding procedures for adding for checks that have arrived during the week. Motion to receive the report made by Terry Furman and seconded by Mason Briquer. Motion Carries unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM OBSERVERS:**

No Comments this evening.

**Board Teams**

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1) Building Team. (Mason): There is a lot of work that needs to be accomplished, and Mason Briquer needs about 12 people to be the core of volunteers to rotate. Perhaps asking for help from some of the groups that come into the building to help out with cleanup.

2) MCCP By-laws team. (Enrique): Moved to discussion items.

3) Stott Estate. Update Rev. Nathan, Disbursement possible by the end of the year. Use of those funds will be added to the **JANUARY 2018 BOD Meeting**.

4) Refinance Team. No update today.

5) Building Search ***This will be a monthly item, further discussion in the DISCUSSION ITEM Section.***

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

MCCP By-laws, Enrique/Jody Beal:

**ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**D. Composition** - The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) members, including the Pastor who shall serve as Moderator.

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee shall recruit, review and present a slate of qualified candidates for election to the Board of Directors which support achieving and sustaining diversity and balance. This includes, but is not limited to, a diversity and balance of gender/gender expression, age, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

**ARTICLE IX - LAY DELEGATE(S) AND ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE(S)**

**Qualifications** – The Lay Delegate(s) and Alternate Lay Delegate(s) shall be Members in good standing of this church for at least six (6) months. The Nominating Committee shall recruit, review and present a slate of qualified candidates for election as Lay Delegate(s) which support achieving and sustaining diversity and balance. This includes, but is not limited to, a diversity and balance of gender/gender expression, age, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

Motion to adopt this language to bring these changes proposed by Kelly McFarland, and John Larsen seconded. Question called, unanimous vote.

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MCCP By-laws, Enrique/Jody Beal:

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

- A. Criteria for Membership – Any baptized Christian who has completed an MCC membership class may become a Member by participating in the Rite of Membership. A Member in good standing is a Member who registers his/her attendance, provides identifiable financial support, makes a definite service contribution, and demonstrates interest and loyalty.
- B. "Youth membership": "Youth members who are 18 or younger have all responsibilities and privileges of membership except a youth member is ineligible for election, has no vote at congregational meetings, and is not included in establishing quorum."

BOD will research the legal questions about minors as members of boards. This may not be necessary nor added necessarily as a by-law. Jody Beal Will Research other issues with attorneys. Follow up in the January 2018 meeting.

Building Search Team discussion. NO UPDATE THIS EVENING

Building Safety and Evacuation Plan. Rev. Nathan, Michael Whitaker, and Jeff Schneider met and are actively looking at options and plans with community partners in order to get ideas for safety/evacuation plans. More to follow.

Revitalization Program Follow up: Where do we start? General discussion about what we can do. Instagram, the Brian Smith Memorial congregational Instagram submissions, and Memorializing stories, MCCP is the repository of community history about LGBT issues, we need to document those stories. More stories and we can forward any questions for Rev. Lisa Heilig to Rev. Nathan.

Staff financial holiday gifts. Rev. Nathan Meckley is asking for the board to make a motion for approval of holiday gifts funds. Motion that an announcement be made starting on Sunday 12/17/2017 service to use the Red Envelopes to request a holiday gift for staff, seconded by Mason Briquer. General discussion. Motion Carries with one abstention by John Larsen.

BOD Covenant. General discussion on amendments for the covenant and a copy will be signed over the month of December.

**Closing Comments**

Lightning round for participants/observers.

Carolyn Hammett discussed concern for the roof. Suggested to have a roofing company to do an estimate, that is itemized and then that will guide further discussion on immediate needs.

Completed.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items.

Motion to adjourn made by Terry Furman, seconded by John Larsen. Motion carries

<b>TO DO LIST</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
Next BOD meeting	1/9/2018 @ 7 PM
Next BOD meeting prayer/devotion	TBA
Next BOD meeting moderator	Rev. Nathan Meckley
BOD COUNTING DUTIES	01/07/2018 Terry Furman/Enrique Andrade 01/14/2018 Michael Whitaker/Mason Briquer 01/21/2018 Enrique Andrade/Vicky Sharp-Zook 01/28/2018 John Larsen/Terry Furman

Respectfully Submitted by:

Enrique E. Andrade  
Clerk of the Board  
MCC-Portland Q