

Global Maritime Ministries  
Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting - Aug 1, 2024

Attendees:

Daniel Bruni, Dee Clubb, Don Cooper, Rev Santos Gomez, Pam Martin, Dr Charlie Ray, Jeremy Simmons, William Stoffle, Pat Trembley, Philip Vandercook. Dr. Cindy Townsend attended via zoom.

The meeting was presided over by President Daniel Bruni and opened in prayer.

The meeting agenda was reviewed, Dee Clubb proposed approval, Pam Martin seconded, and agenda was adopted.

The current Financial Statement was also reviewed, there were no questions or concerns. Acceptance was proposed by Jeremy Simmons, seconded by Rev. Gomez, and approved.

The minutes from the Board Meeting on May 2, 2024, was approved, with no corrections or questions, after proposal by Dee Clubb and seconded by Jeremy Simmons.

The Personnel Committee acknowledged Stephen McKinney's ten years of ministry at the center. His faithful, committed and grace-filled service is appreciated, and the committee presented him with a monetary gift. Philip had presented a cake in appreciation of Stephen's service, to be enjoyed by all!

Stephen presented various reports on past events as well as upcoming events:

Staff was present at the Southern Baptist Convention as representative of Port Ministry International. Over 70 new contacts were made and being followed up to enlist volunteers and awareness of GMM and all Port Ministries.

Give NOLA day provided \$3,050 toward GMM. This is short of goal, but more than 2023. Thanks to all who gave and encouraged others to give as well.

Harbor Police Appreciation week was well attended and appreciated by all. The current interim Port Director was present, and the staff was able to establish a good relationship with him.

The center now has 9 staff members. Some serving part time, sharing Sunday morning and evening times with full time staff. Chaplains display hearts for reaching seafarers with the gospel as well as meeting physical needs. There was a schedule of ministry opportunities presented and we are all encouraged to join in serving beside our staff.

The Lighthouse Gala will be Thursday, Sept 12 at the Audubon Tea Room. Award recipients and the menu are being finalized, table sponsorships in various amounts are available. Tickets are on sale now and we are all encouraged to purchase and invite others to join us.

October's Global Fest will continue to be an online event from Sunday to Sunday. A copy of a letter for donations was presented to help all of us in contacting businesses, friends, or family in order to receive as many auctions items as possible.

Philip gave a report on the status of the vans and vehicles used by the center. Both vans have recently been involved in accidents but are in use. One awaiting repair and the other having already been replaced. Staff anticipates insurance payments and grants will help with the financing needed.

The current BCM grant awarded will be ending, but application for a new one has been submitted. We are encouraged to pray that it will be favorably reviewed.

Philip also updated the board on the Westbank properties that were donated, and with shared ownership. After generous agreement by the donor's family and diligent documentation by Daniel, GMM is now in full ownership. There are no plans for future use at this time.

The Reserve center has received a third bid for Ida repairs, the high cost is in line with previous bids. The Property Committee is currently reviewing this proposal from PLAID builders and will determine - short of volunteers and donations - which direction to proceed in. Philip is familiar with PLAID and believes them to be the most reliable to provide service in a timely and efficient manner

There was no new business.

Committees were encouraged to take time after the meeting to plan together or to set date for a future meeting. Zoom meetings are available through the center if needed.

Meeting adjourned  
Pat Trembley