

Global Maritime Ministries

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting - Feb 6, 2025

Online attendees: Pam Martin, Mike Colomb, Ralph Melian, Heather Johnson, and Rev Santos Gomez

In person attendees: Daniel Bruni, Pat Trembley, Charlie Ray, Bill Stoffle and Don Cooper

Board President Daniel Bruni presided and opened the meeting with prayer. He then informed the board of the good news that Global Maritime Ministries has been awarded a core funding grant from BCM of \$200,000 to be paid over two years. \$100,000 for 2025 and \$100,000 for 2026.

The minutes were reviewed and it was noted that there were no minutes from the Annual Meeting in December. Don Cooper moved to adopt the minutes from the Nov 7 meeting that were presented, seconded by Bill Stoffle and approved unanimously.

Daniel presented the financial statement in the absence of Larry Holmes. Heather Johnson had a question about when the BCM grant was reported and it was stated that it would be reported on the budget when it was received in 2025. There was a proposal to accept the financial statement made by Don Cooper, seconded by Charlie Ray and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ralph Melian reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee that they were looking into staff benefits and the possibility of offering insurance, at this time there were no new recommendations.

Bill Stoffle reported that the roof repairs went well. The Properties Committee recommends seeking bids for repairs of the plaster on the side of the New Orleans building.

The Nominating Committee reached out to board members that were rotating off. Of those contacted, six agreed to serve again and two declined. Heather Johnson thanked Mary Ellen Logan and Rose Roberts for the many years of service, with great appreciation for their continued support of the ministry. There are currently three open positions and the committee would appreciate any help with nominations that could be brought to their attention. At least one of the positions needs to be filled by a minister. Joe Arnold, Dee Clubb, Larry Holmes, Charlie Ray, Danny Poolson, and Bill Stoffle were presented as returning directors as well as a new member, Teresa Bovia. Charlie Ray moved to accept the Committee's recommendations, Don Cooper seconded and it was accepted unanimously.

In Philip Vandercook's absence, Stephen McKinney gave the Ministry Report.

There are currently four full time and 3 part time staff members, with a need for more part time or volunteers. A former staff, Simeon, who graduated and accepted a job elsewhere, has been presented with an offer to live in the apartment upstairs in order to remain active in the ministry. There is a written agreement being developed, and Daniel Bruni offered to review the agreement.

Two of the cruise ships currently have seafarers conducting Bible studies on board, the staff will be supplying literature and support. With the Super Bowl in NO, shore leave has been suspended and one cruise ship has granted GMM the opportunity to minister on board. Stephen reminded all of us of the variety of opportunities that we have to be involved in the ministry; baking cookies, center maintenance, cruise ship ministry at the center and visiting on board with the chaplains. It was suggested that Stephen email the board with the requirements needed in order to board.

There was no new business, the dates of future meetings were noted and Daniel adjourned the meeting.

Pat Trembley