

Global Maritime Ministries

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting – May 2, 2024

Attendees:

Joe Arnold, Barry Ashe, Alex Brian, Mike Colomb, Don Cooper, Chad Gilbert, Heather Johnson, Pam Martin, Charlie Ray, William Stoffle, Ken Taylor, Pat Trembley, Philip Vandercook

Philip welcomed directors and opened with prayer. In the absence of President Daniel Bruni, Vice President Mike Colomb presided over the meeting.

The financial statement for January - March was reviewed. Heather Johnson was still in transit and on zoom, requested permission and was granted to ask questions after her arrival, if needed. It was noted that with the new format of the statement, we were better able to understand the financial status. It was also noted that the payroll is ahead of the budget, due to the addition of new staff. Chad Gilbert moved that the financial statement be accepted, seconded by Ken Taylor, and approved.

There were no Committee Reports.

Robert Roussel reported on the repairs still needed at the Reserve center. He was able to get a second bid, both are very high and he is seeking help from Kingdom Builders as well as volunteer groups and directors are applying for grants that may be available. The bunk house has been cleared of items stored there and ready for use again to house volunteer groups. Roof repairs and carport restructure has been completed and paid for with insurance money and repair donations already received.

Philip reported that the New Orleans facility is in need of fascia and eave repairs. Both vans are in the body shop after accidents, all costs to be covered by insurance companies. After a lengthy process phone and internet cost have been decreased and the funds will be able to help pay for fire alarm repairs needed.

Stephen McKinney reminded us of the Give NOLA Day, Tues, May 7 and instructed directors of the ways to donate online. There is a goal of \$5,000.

He also reported on Port events and ministry opportunities, such as the Harbor Police appreciation week in May, ship visitation, helping at the center any day of the week. The center hosts a luncheon at noon on the first Wednesday of each month, this is our opportunity to gather with coast guard as well as various port employees.

The center has welcomed two new chaplains, volunteer students from NOBTS and a ministry coordinator. They have also received a grant to provide summer interns.

There is now online access available to board members on the GMM website. You can log in to receive documents and reports at any time with the password GMMBOD.

Upcoming events - Sea Sunday, July 14, 2024. Please pray for and promote the ministry in your church. Resources are available at PortMinistry.com and staff are available upon request.

Lighthouse Gala, September 12, 2024 at the Audubon Tea Room, tickets available now!

Global Maritime Ministries has been part owners of property on the Westbank due to an estate donation and is now the full owner. A motion was made by Charlie Ray to accept this donation, seconded by Ken Taylor and approved. This puts us in the position to benefit from this donation in the future.

Philip received a letter of engagement from the auditor that has been responsible for audits in the past and asked for approval from the board to accept said letter. Chad Gilbert made the motion, Heather Johnson seconded and it was approved.

Robert closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Trembley, Board Secretary