

MCC TORONTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Summary 11/13

November 13, 2024 / 6:15 pm / Hybrid (in-person and remote)

AGENDA

- A. Operations, Finances and Governance
- B. Regulatory Acts
- C. Membership Growth and Criteria
- D. Sanctuary Decorum

The meeting began with an opening prayer emphasizing unity and guidance. A suggestion was made to read aloud MCC Toronto's vision, mission, and core values at the beginning of every meeting to help guide the board in its actions and decisions.

A. Operations, Finances and Governance

- The Board is requesting the new Finance Manager to consider re-categorizing and presenting financial data differently to present a clearer picture of MCC Toronto's financial standing and aid in better decision-making.
- The Board recognizes the evolving complexity of our current operations - as a Church and as a Human Rights Centre.
- The Board acknowledged the efforts of the Executive Director to reconcile financial data amidst staffing transitions.
- Under our Governance Structure, instead of using "Chair" or "Co-chair," the terms "Moderator" and "Vice Moderator" were proposed to reflect denominational traditions and expert recommendations.

B. Compliance with Regulatory Acts

- MCC Toronto as an organization operates under three primary acts: Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), Charities Accounting Act., Income Tax Act. The Board is reviewing the by-laws to ensure our compliance with the provincial regulations.
- In connection with the Ontario Smoke-Free Act, the Board highlighted the need to enforce the property's smoke-free policy. Information will be sent to the Triangle Program and staff for compliance expectations.

C. Membership Growth and Criteria

- A new pre-registration system is being implemented to manage attendance and vet potential members.
- The criteria for new membership now includes having established a history of attendance and involvement, to help ensure long-term commitment to the Church.
- Online membership criteria is also under review, with consideration for regular attendees from various global locations.
- Expert advice is being sought to help clarify the bylaws defining membership eligibility and voting rights. The importance of addressing criteria for membership, geographic considerations, and virtual participation was emphasized.

D. A reminder for Sanctuary Decorum

- The membership covenant will be updated to ensure that members understand the importance of decorum in the Sanctuary and to underscore the respect needed and sacredness of the worship space. Steph N. volunteered to draft sanctuary decorum guidelines for review.

NEXT MEETING: December 18, 2024