

Minutes from January 9, 2025, Special and Board Meeting

- Mimi presented a summary of revisions. Mr. Cambridge brought up the point that there was no consultation with members. Rosemary explained that a small group is usual for revising bylaws. She suggested that he send us a list of questions. Mr. Cambridge voted no, 23 members said yes. Amended and restated bylaws have been approved.
- Break
- Steve moved to ratify November Board meeting minutes. All were in favor.
- Kellen shared Treasurer's Report
 - Truck purchase and food room renovations totaled about \$130K. \$150K CD will mature in April so Kellen will move the funds then.
 - Inflows are comparable to last year. In Dec, we received \$22K in gift cards which is lower than in years past. Might we want to put up a holiday tree in another grocery store? It's a lot of work. Maybe we can revisit this idea for Holidays 2025.
 - LDS grant was \$15K and we budgeted \$25K. Will increase F&C budget by \$10K
 - Outflows are right on budget
 - Request for paper copies of budget at BOD meetings going forward
- Program Reports
 - F&C
 - 2500 clients which is about 409/month (almost at capacity)
 - 430 clients for Senior opening, about 71/month
 - 2025 Registration mid-Jan thru beg of March
 - We are McLean Lidl's only food pantry - donated a lot of meat last week!
 - Family Assistance
 - Serving many families with housing and utilities, about one-third in area
 - Although we serve more county families than in-area, the amount of funds contributed is comparable.
 - Furniture
 - New truck! At St. Luke's now temporarily until we sell the older white truck
 - Lots of HS volunteers - we need to reach out to the high schools to say thank you for volunteers
 - Still need more drivers
 - Starting to have clients meet at storage to pick up furniture
 - Holiday
 - 8 openings, 242 families received gift cards and gifts, 76 seniors received gc & gifts
 - Sponsor a treat table was a success (McLean Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, individuals incl a teen who raised about 146 gifts)
 - Trinity United Methodist did a holiday gift tree to collect more gifts
 - Outreach

- Need more stories/testimonials from FA and Furniture
 - Nicki to send to Radhika info about “The small things matter” VA branch - bring 50 bags of sandwiches, bananas, & water
- Membership Definition
 - “Greater McLean” defined as our service area (22101, 22102, 22066 and 22043 Pimmit Hills area)
 - Radhika has a working list of representatives from religious organizations
 - Mimi will create a new email address to create the Google form, membership@shareofmclean.org
 - Mimi will work with Ron and Kellen to create a Google form for interested persons to sign up as members. Include:
 - Benefits - vote on officers & Board of Directors
 - Expectations - be a donor or volunteer and attend the annual meeting as well as any special meetings called
 - Google form will display information in a spreadsheet so it will be easier for the secretary to maintain
 - Program chairs will ask committed volunteers in their programs to fill out the form **before March 1st**, which is when the bylaws have the secretary updating the register of the members.
 - The next phase would be to include a blurb about benefits and expectations of being a member and a link to the Google Form on the website for people to join as members on their own.
- Nominating Committee
 - Don, Ron, Nicki, Jose & Radhika (head)- met earlier this week
 - Will work with program leads to get nominations for officers & BOD
- March 13 meeting - Randy will check with the Temple, 7:30-9:00, to see if they can host and provide refreshments
 - Meeting open to all
- In future meetings we will start with the general membership meeting (to include Treasurer’s report and program chair reports) and then move into the board meeting with only board members.
 - When we announce this we need to be clear with timing (i.e.7-8 general membership meeting, 8-9 Board of Directors meeting)
- Radhika offered to create an organizational chart of programs/leads, etc.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 pm