

**Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2018 @ Mountain Rise United Church of Christ**

MINUTES

Present: Directors S. Amrine, R. Buchanan, K. Cooman, R. Hill, N. Hutchins, P. May, C. Meighan, B. Orsini, B. Smith, D. Wideman
Kevin S. Cooman, Secretary

Ministry representatives: Joyce McAndrews (PMUNY); Pam Renfro and others (STC ROC)

Absent: Directors G. Havens, J. Burgeson.

President B. Orsini called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

P. May moved, seconded by D. Wideman, that the minutes of the March meeting of the Board be approved with correction of names. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

GENERAL REPORTS AND INFORMATION

R. Hill led a discussion of insurance coverage issues. The renewal of insurance prompted several questions from the prospective carriers about activities. There was also a need to be sure that the Stop the Stigma concert in June was a covered event. Gary Wilkens, our broker, secured new general liability coverage from a new company (Michigan Miller Co.) at less cost than we were paying Philadelphia Insurance. The Directors and Officers coverage remains with Philadelphia Insurance. By email concurrence of the Board, the change of company and policy for general liability was approved. Now, on motion of R. Hill, seconded by P. May, this insurance change was UNANIMOUSLY RATIFIED.

G. Havens discussed the financial report, which had been circulated in advance. The board discussed the variance in the amount of giving from each member church. This reflects differences in ability and willingness to pay, and has existed for many years. The request this year to all churches was \$250, a reduction from \$300 the prior year. The report was ANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED by acclamation.

STS-ROC

Pam Renfro had distributed a written report in advance. The concert at the Perinton Community Center outdoor venue will be held this week, with the theme "Your Mind Matters" from 6 to 9:30 pm. Pam and Maeve went to the Perinton Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. In the future it is expected that this may receive staff administrative approval. No security was required. Counselors will be available. There is a silent auction at the STS-ROC Facebook

page. An Art Competition was also held, and the winning entry has been printed for sale. There has been \$2400 in corporate donations so far, and donations from three churches. All expenses have been covered in advance of the concert.

PMUNY

Joyce M. reported for the ministry, and mentioned concern about the privacy of the roster. K. Cooman noted that the roster of ministry leaders online is password protected, and hence available only to EMP board members in that form.

The PMUNY board has been increased by one person, who has a long term involvement with the ministry. The volunteers go to six men's prisons, one women's prison and the Monroe County Jail. More volunteers, and younger people, are needed for the ministry. There are many opportunities to serve.

Joyce will send a ministry summary to Board members, for them to pass along to their churches for inclusion in newsletters or other appropriate church publications.

In accordance with the governance policy issues being reaffirmed, there was a reminder that PMUNY literature and website should note that it is a ministry of EMP, which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

PMUNY is interested in identifying and hiring some marketing assistance to promote the ministry, and may seek some funding from the EMP ministry reserve funds toward this new initiative. A clear proposal for the funds and their use will need to be developed and presented for consideration. The Executive Committee will review this matter, and consider any formal proposals that may be made.

PERINTON CONGREGATIONS FOR HABITAT

R. Hill noted the increasing problem in Rochester of "zombie houses." There is a new Habitat director for leadership of the main organization, with whom the Perinton group is affiliated.

Having completed in the summer of 2017 a "new build", the Perinton group is in year one of the fund raising and planning cycle leading to another build year in the summer of 2020. The cost to build is about \$65,000 per home, raised from the churches in Perinton, who are very supportive of the ministry.

FAIRPORT GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

The financial report update had been circulated by B. Meighan. Frank D., the Treasurer/Disburser, may like to have an "heir apparent" for his role under consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

K. Cooman gave an overview of the structure of EMP, and the responsibilities it has for oversight of its sponsored ministries. Given the usual turnover on volunteer ministry leadership, there can be a loss of continuity in and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of ministry leaders, and how the ministries function under the auspices of the EMP Board. The Executive Committee has considered these issues at its meetings.

K. Cooman will prepare a guidance memorandum addressing these issues for review by the Executive Committee this summer, and subsequent consideration by the full Board in September.

B. Orsini advised the Board that she and her family are moving to Maryland, and she regrettably will need to leave active involvement with PEM and EMP as President and as director after this fall. A transition of leadership will be under discussion by the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin S. Cooman, Secretary