

THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.



Board of Directors

MEETING

CORPORATE MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7:30pm

Attendance Confirmed: Anne Connolly, Esq., Timothy Constantine, Matt Davis, Esq., Joseph DePaulo, Brian King, The Hon. Kent Jordan, Dennis Nealon, Br. Rudolph Pieretti, OFM Cap., Elaine Reilly, Esq., John Sweeney

Bill LaFond, Pres., Mark Calandra, Sec'y, Dr. Kaylia Duncan-Field and Rick Gessner (via Zoom)

Members excused: Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., Vice Pres., Megan McGlinchey, Treas., The Hon. James Baker, Louretta Callis, John Cook, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Dr. David Hack, Richard Forsten, Esq., Alan Levin, Dr. Garry Lyons, Marilyn Monahan, John Sullivan

Approval of January 23, 2025, Board Minutes: Bill LaFond, Pres.

A motion was made by John Sweeney to approve the minutes as presented. Joseph DePaulo seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

1. Introduction of Steve Krentel, Consultant for Restructuring the Development Office —Br. Ronald

The board thanked Steve for his presentation.

2. Villa Maria – proposed 74-unit senior housing project in Old Brandywine Village – Brother Ronald

-Initial settlement took place in February.

-Demolition took place on Market Street and now excavating the grounds.

-Opening projected November 30, 2026

-Construction Kick-off – Monday, May 5, 2025, 11 am to thank benefactors

Sixty days before opening they are able to start taking applications.

3. Emmanuel Dining Room – East, 226 N. Walnut St.— Br. Ronald

The Emmanuel Dining Room – East location was closed as of March 1 since the landlord wishes to open a childcare at that site. A shuttle for elderly and infirm will be operating through the cold months to take people to the West Side. EDR – West's hours have been extended to meet the new demand.

4. Village of Francis and Clare

MOC owns 907 Jefferson Street parking lot (purchased for \$150,000 in 2004).

They have been offered to:

- Purchase two lots, which will form, along with 907, the property for Village of Francis and Clare
 - 905 Jefferson Street– Colonial Parking
 - 909 Jefferson Street– Werb & Sullivan, Attorneys

The acquisition of these properties was approved by the Executive Committee (October 31, 2024) and now the Board needs to ratify this decision.

A motion was made by Dennis Nealon to approve this purchase. Elaine Reilly seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

-Plans are to build a 12-story high-rise for low-income senior living.
Kevin Wilson, AIA, is drawing up the plans (51 units)

5. Advancement – Priscilla Rakestraw (in the absence of Chair Marilyn Monahan)

- Report on Love & Hope event, February 13, 2025, DuPont Country Club

Priscilla thanked everyone who supported this event and those who donated to the Benefactors' Endowment Fund. This will benefit MOC's emergency shelters. She thanked Elaine Reilly for helping to organize this event.

6. Finance Committee Report – Karen Smith, CFO (in the absence of Chair Megan McGlinchey)

- Financial Statements through December 31, 2024 were reviewed.

7. Resolution—Annie Halverson

- Resolution passed, February 5, 2025, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ministry of Caring Inc. for the transfer of funds from Merrill Lynch's Loan Management Account (LMA) into Chris Lamb's firm's escrow account.

A motion was made by Dennis Nealon to ratify this resolution. Mark Calandra seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

8. Upcoming Events – Priscilla Rakestraw

Priscilla Rakestraw stated that MOC fed a record 151,000 meals in 2024 and the numbers continue to rise in 2025. She thanked those who have supported the Auction and mentioned three ways board members could help:

- 1) attend the auction
- 2) purchase/sell raffle ticket(s)
- 3) donate a bottle to the Basket of Cheer

-Ministry of Caring Guild 42nd Annual Emmanuel Dining Room Auction

Chair: Chris Leonard; Honorary Chair: The Cassidy Family

Raffle Ticket (\$100) Chair: Annie Halverson

Sunday, April 27, 2-6 pm, Chase Center – Riverfront, \$125 per person

(Young Executive Special – under 30 - \$75)

-Ministry of Caring Annual Milk Run/Walk: Ramsey Farms, Sunday, May 4

This fundraiser provides the milk fund for children in our programs.

Registration: 8:00 am

Run begins: 9:00 am

-Construction kick-off to recognize Villa Maria benefactors: Monday, May 5, 11 am

Market & Race streets, reception following at Village of St. John

-Interfaith Prayer Service, Thursday., May 8, 6-7 pm, Sacred Heart Oratory.

Reception to follow at Francis X. Norton Center.

Judge Jordan is helping to plan this event and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher is the keynote speaker.

-Recognition Dinner – Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 pm, Francis X. Norton Center

Priscilla spoke about each of the honorees:

Caring Bowl honorees

1. Mary Hatch
2. Pat Moss
3. Christ Church
4. MOC Board member Kim & Robin Orth
5. Cathy Klocko
6. Parker Havis, Esq.
7. St. John the Beloved School, Richard Hart, Principal
8. Morton, Valihura & Zerbato

Homeless Jesus Award:

1. Saengerbund
2. Former MOC board member Frank and Michelle Modesto

- Next Board Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 7:30 pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Philips

on behalf of Mark Calandra, Sec'y