

**Special Congregational Meeting**  
**King of Peace MCC**  
**January 31, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the Congregation of King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church, being held via Zoom, was called to order by the Senior Pastor, Rev. Candace Shultis, at 11:15 am. Proper notice having been sent to all members of the church, and with an attendance of 84 persons, a quorum was declared present. Rev. Candace then lead us in prayer, asking for the movement of the Holy Spirit, as we make this important decision.

This special meeting was called by the Board of Directors with the specific purpose responding to the following Motion:

To formally authorize the Board of Directors of King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church to act on behalf of the congregation to proceed with the sale of the building at 3150 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg Florida 33713.

A presentation was made on the Historical Overview of the church by Board Member Bob Pope, who discussed the past thirty years the church has been in this building, and the fact that we have contracted to have three (3) roofs put on the structure during that time, with each even leaving the church without recourse due to the demise of the roofing contractors and the roofing material manufacturers.

Ian Gomez, the Vice Moderator of the Board then presented the possibilities of holding a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funding to refurbish the church, and the potential avenues of resources that are available to the church.

Susan Burhouse, the Treasurer of the church and a member of the Board of Directors, then presented an overview of the financial condition of the church, which showed a continual decline in attendance and in income, with our current pledge campaign showing only a 44% response, the current estimated income would not pay for the expenses of the building, nor the staff.

The building committee chair, Jeanne Scanlon, also a member of the Board, then presented the projected costs to replace the roof, and most of the air conditioners on top of the roof, with an estimated cost of some \$425,000. Jeanne also indicated that this figure did not include the other necessary repairs needed in the coming year.

With the floor open for discussions, members of the church voiced their opinions, both pro and con on the proposition, and ample time was provided for all to voice their opinions over the next one hour of discussion.

The motion was called, and the pastor then called for those present to cast their votes, either yes, authorizing the Board to sell the building, or no, do not sell the building. Prior to voting, the pastor again led us in prayer.

Upon the closing of the voting, 80 votes were counted, with 68 votes for the proposition to sell the building, and 12 votes opposing the sale. The by-laws of our church require a vote of 75% for the sale, lease, purchase of real estate, and upon calculation, the vote was 85% in favor of the Motion, and 15% opposed. The motion to authorize the sale of the building was passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the pastor closed our meeting with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Pope, Clerk