

4/6/2023 Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of Westtown Presbyterian Church in America, Inc.

This meeting of the Board of Directors (aka Trustees) of Westtown Church in America, Inc. was called to discuss timing for our annual corporate meeting for election of an additional "at-large" director and for special communications to the members regarding the continuing issue of the entrance bridge over Double Branch Creek. The meeting was held at 8:15 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Counseling Room of Westtown Church at 13521 Race Track Road, Tampa, FL 33626, immediately following Maundy Thursday service.

The Secretary established a quorum.

**Attendees:** Directors David Bazzel, Melody Mahusay, Nic Malara, Phil Smith and Joseph Vattamattam.  
**Absent:** None. **Guests:** None

The minutes of January 8, 2023 and of March 5, 2023 (previously reviewed by email) were officially approved.

Director Smith raised concerns around communications and timing regarding our failed entrance bridge. An engineering consulting firm has confirmed that the existing bridge cannot be repaired and is finalizing design and engineering plans. The preliminary design has permitted us to start a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several temporary bridge contractors and bridge contractors. Cost estimates are still unknown due to national supply chain issues, as well as availability of contractors to meet our requirements in order to maintain operations and minimize impact to the Westtown Christian Academy (WCA), church services, and campus events.

The bridge continues to sink and the new solution will need to be six feet higher than the current bridge deck.

We are anticipating final designs in the next 3-4 weeks, which will help in determining cost estimates so that we can move forward with financing, which will require approval of the corporate members. Our desire is to communicate to all members prior to Memorial Day (May 28<sup>th</sup>), to ensure we can get a quorum for election of a new director and for approval of a mortgage for the bridge project, (including the temporary bridge, demolition of the existing bridge, and full replacement of the bridge.).

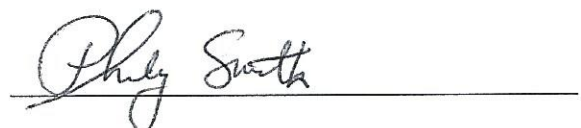
After considerable debate, we decided, by common consent, it would be optimal to hold the annual meeting of the Corporation on Sunday, May 21. We will review our status (by call/meeting) no later than April 30, to ensure that we have enough data to discuss cost estimates for the project. We will stipulate that any recovery funds received (as a result of our legal action against the original designer/contractors) would be entirely applied to first pay off the unsecured line of credit and, second, to reduce any new mortgage that is taken out to finance the bridge project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Director Philip Smith, secretary



David Bazzel, president



Philip Smith, secretary

MINUTES APPROVED, DATE \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary's initials: \_\_\_\_\_.