

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Governing Board

April 17, 2018 – APPROVED 5/15/18

Craig Grundmeier had the devotion, “When You Fast.”

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:44. Board members Greg Carstensen, Lorrie Graaf, Craig Grundmeier, Jennifer Jaschen, Kurt Kromminga, Anne Sheeley, Ruth Ebke, and Brian Frantum were in attendance. Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Chris Thomson were also in attendance.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 governing board meeting were reviewed. Anne Sheeley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Lorrie Graaf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor’s Report – Pastor Joe Meyer

- a. Holy week was a huge success with close to 950 in worship and 87 on livestream. The following week also had a large attendance with people coming back to worship after visiting.
- b. Mackenzie Doraska has declined the call to become the Children’s Ministry Director at Gloria Dei. The move towards a national search for candidates has begun.
- c. The planning for Single Mom’s Morning Out is going very well.
- d. The Fellowship MAT is planning a Luau for the 10th of June to follow the Voter’s meeting. Short-E’s BBQ, owned by Bryan Easter who is one of our members, will be providing the pulled pork. There will be a potluck with Hawaiian dishes plus a Hawaiian dress competition.
- e. A sample of the resource to be used alongside the Lutheran Study Bibles which is the book of Luke with journal pages interlaced throughout was passed around. This is part of the Head, Heart, Hands strategy and journaling Bibles alongside Lutheran Study bibles will be offered for sale in May or June.

Executive Director’s Report – Chris Thomson

- a. March was an even month for income. Expenses were up mostly driven by direct mission payments in the quarter plus expenses related to work done in the FLC and Youth Center.
- b. There are a number of initiatives around the building being worked on by Steve Kowbel and Darren Hushak. Chris, on behalf of Pastor Joe, asked the Governing Board to approve a \$21,000 overspend in the worship budget section to cover some of these projects. Greg Carstensen made a motion to approve this overspend. Brian Frantum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financials – Brian Frantum

- a. Brian had a good financial report. Giving was down for the first 3 months of this year but financials are still strong.

Attendance – Chris Thomson

- a. Livestream attendance increased last weekend due to weather.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. It was felt that the confirmation service was a great one.
- b. 2,100 went through the Compassion Experience with 106 children being adopted. The publicity for this plus SMMO has been great advertisement for GDLC.
- c. Chris did a brief budget review. Next year's budget will reflect the evolution of Gloria Dei's ministries and where God wants us to go.
- d. We may be looking at hiring help with cleaning.
- e. The youth program may need to look at incorporating Snapchat and Instagram into reaching out to youth with messages. Also engaging the youth in church work was mentioned.
- f. Scott will set up the Foundation Director meeting for the middle of May. Dwight Carlson and Doug Pals will be invited to give a background of the foundation. Pastor will talk about the vision for the foundation. They will settle on terms of serving and elect officers at this meeting plus do some brainstorming to get thoughts going. Quarterly meetings will be a goal with a target date on continuing the foundation in the future.
- g. The senior pastor review feedback was discussed.
- h. There will be a dinner for the new members on Thursday, April 19. We will be receiving 32 new adult members plus children.
- i. Monitoring Affirmation and Board Education – "Augustine's Four Rules Of Prayer" by Tim Keller.

Housekeeping

In May:

- a. Senior Pastor review results will be presented to the Governing Board.
- b. We will have a budget update.
- c. Nominating results for the Governing Board will be presented.
- d. Anne Sheeley will have devotions in May.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke