

Governing Board Minutes

June 19, 2018 – **APPROVED 8/21/18**

Our guest director, Pastor Ben Johnson, gave a summary of the welcome brochure which is available to anyone attending GDLC describing what we are as a congregation. It is well done and an amazing read for members and guests. He has been here for two years and his plans are to work with the pre-school families and online bible studies and teaching. He is currently working on developing an app with links to the studies and these may be up possibly by fall.

Anne Sheeley had the devotion “5 Lessons Women Can Learn from Mary and Martha.”

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members Lorrie Graaf, Anne Sheeley, Craig Grundmeier, Jennifer Jaschen, Kurt Kromminga, Ruth Ebke and Brian Frantum were in attendance. Greg Carstensen was absent. Also present were Pastor Joe Meyer and Chris Thomson.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer’s report

- a. The Focus Group has taken all the surveys and will have two meetings, Thursday p.m. and Saturday a.m.
- b. There will not be a pictorial directory right now.
- c. Pastor said he would like to get a sign language person for one service at first. He has a contact who has moved to West Des Moines who signs. This would be for outreach purposes.
- d. There are two candidates being considered for the Children’s Ministry position. This will free DeAnn to do other responsibilities. Lorrie Graaf said she was very excited about the women’s ministry which DeAnn is growing.
- e. Feedback regarding the annual meeting and presentation was positive. Scott said he had received some concern about the increase in wages, possibly not being high enough but there is a lot to look at besides wages when considering total salary.

Executive Director Chris Thomson’s report

- a. May’s financials look good as well as having a good April. Our mortgage is now under \$600,000.
- b. There have been some computer issues which can decrease productivity. Chris is working on possible solutions and options.
- c. Safeguard Iowa, who met with our security team, has been feeling a funding crunch. They are trying to find funding to stay afloat. We need a final report from him and will then get the security team together.

Financials Report – Brian Frantum

Brian reviewed the financial report as printed. We have a very strong cash liquidity.

Attendance report – Chris Thomson

We had 2 Sundays with under 800 in attendance, may be due to young families traveling.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. The 2018-19 devotional schedule was filled out.
- b. The Governing Board Tasks Timeline was handed out.
- c. The Board self-review was discussed only. There will possibly be homework to do ahead of time to be better prepared for meetings.
- d. Monitoring affirmation, “The Church Must Do More Than Get the Gospel Right.”

Housekeeping

There will be no July Governing Board Meeting.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke