

Governing Board Minutes

September 18, 2018 – **APPROVED 11/13/18**

DeAnn McCue was the guest director. She is very excited about Jenn joining her. She described what she is doing with women's ministry and is excited about its future. In addition, she explained what her plans are for the family ministry program.

Kurt Kromminga had the devotion: "Trusting God No Matter The Situation."

Call to Order

Vice President Kurt Kromminga called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Board members Anne Sheeley, Craig Grundmeier, Brian Frantum, Martha Raecker, Greg Carstensen, Ruth Ebke and Kurt Kromminga were in attendance. Jennifer Jaschen was absent. Also present were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Executive Director Chris Thomson.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Martha Raecker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Brian Frantum seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report:

- a. The last congregational survey has gone out. The return rate for these surveys has been very successful. 43% of those surveyed said they were favorable about the possibility of women helping with communion. The survey results will be evaluated at the leadership retreat on October 6.
- b. Pastor Meyer, along with Pastor Phillips and Pastor Johnson, met with Jennifer Upah-Keys of Deaf Iowans Against Abuse. One of the concerns is that he would not be able to counsel the deaf unless he had a translator present.
- c. Jenn Fuller's installation will be on September 30. Pastor requested the Governing Board members be present if at all possible.
- d. The major initiative for the "Head" segment is Devotions for the Devoted. This initiative is to bring devotionals and bibles to our service men and women. A letter will be coming out soon to explain this to the congregation.
- e. The lay-out for the new bulletin given out at services has been positive. It is very colorful and well done.
- f. At Christmas there will not be a Saturday service and only 2 services on Sunday morning. There will be a full schedule of Christmas Eve services on Monday like last year and one Christmas Day service on Tuesday.

Executive director Chris Thomson's report:

- a. The August 6% increase in giving compared to last year is very encouraging.
- b. The \$10,000 invoice for the new door and electric motor installations did not get paid at the end of the last fiscal year since it was not received in time so will show up in September. (ended up in October)
- c. Jolynn Corkrean, who is the acting nursery coordinator, is busy finding additional help as childcare offerings are expanded.
- d. Leon Jagim has agreed to fill out the facility hours needed to be covered through the end of the year. He will hopefully stay on after that.

Financials by Brian Frantum:

Financials are sitting strong as we are currently \$46,000 ahead of budget.

Attendance report by Chris Thomson:

Attendance has picked up in July and online attendance has increased as well.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items:

- a. Scott Strachan came in from another meeting to discuss the GDLC Foundation meeting. They have asked the Governing Board for thoughts on the purpose and direction the foundation should take. How can it be more successful and what should they focus on. Part of retreat time will be used to formulate ideas.
- b. The Leadership Retreat will be Saturday, October 6. The focus will be on reviewing the survey results.
- c. The November meeting will be moved to November 13th to avoid a busy Thanksgiving week. The retreat will take the place of the October meeting.
- d. The congregational listening post was "The Resurrection and Christian Mission."

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke