

Governing Board Minutes

April 9, 2019 – **APPROVED 5/21/19**

Craig Grundmeier had the devotion on keeping the Sabbath.

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Board members Craig Grundmeier, Kurt Kromminga, Ruth Ebke, Brian Frantum, Jennifer Jaschen and Anne Sheeley were in attendance. Also present was Executive Director Chris Thomson. Senior Pastor Joe Meyer, Martha Raecker, and Greg Carstensen were absent.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Anne Sheeley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Craig Grundmeier seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report by Chris Thomson in Pastor's absence:

- a. A thank you to Dan Petrak for all he did at Gloria Dei was discussed.
- b. Pastor Tim has designated Rancho Ebenezer, a Honduras mission, for any contributions as part of his anniversary celebration.
- c. There was further discussion on honoring staff birthdays and anniversaries with cards, balloons or candy bars. It was felt this would be a good thing to do. Jennifer Jaschen would get cards and Anne Sheeley would get candy bars.

Executive Director Chris Thomson's report:

- a. February giving was below budget due to the impact of winter weather. Net income at the end of February was above the expected budget amount which gives us some spending room. March giving was up from March of last year but we benefited from 5 Sundays this year.
- b. Water drainage issues need to be addressed to prevent concrete damage. This will involve boring under the concrete so that water can drain to a retention pond. Other essential and timely projects were listed on Chris' breakdown.
- c. On behalf of Pastor Joe, Chris requested an overspend of \$50,000 for the facilities section of the budget.
- d. Anne Sheeley made a motion to accept the overspend request of \$50,000. Jennifer Jaschen seconded. Motion passed.

Financials-Brian Frantum

- a. We are over budget on revenue and under on expenses. This is a strong position to be in.
- b. Several items are under budget and offerings are strong.

Attendance-Chris Thomson

- a. February attendance was down but there was a spike with online attendance.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. A preliminary 6-month budget of July thru December 2019 was presented. Brian Frantum made a motion to approve for Chris to move forward with the proposed budget amount of \$985,700 which is a 4.06% increase. Kurt Kromminga seconded. Motion passed.
- b. There will be a shift from June to December as the fiscal year. In the future, the 3rd week of October will be our annual meeting. The pledge drive will probably be in September.
- c. With the FLC renovation, Pastor Joe asked for approval to hire Tim Olson, an architect, to advise us regarding the general ideas of the renovation and also give us blueprint drawings. Kurt Kromminga made a motion to hire Tim Olson, capping off at \$30,000. Brian Frantum seconded. Motion passed.
- d. Board member nominations will be tabled until we find out Greg Carstensen's intentions on continuing with another term.
- e. Anne Sheeley had heard a comment on Life Touch taking pictures for the directory. Chris assured us that they have been told they cannot use pressure tactics to sell pictures to families.
- f. Monitoring Affirmation and Board Education: "Five Reasons More Churches Are Moving From Vertical Growth To Horizontal Growth" by Thom Rainer

Housekeeping

- a. The next meeting will be May 21st.
- b. Martha Raecker will have devotions.
- c. Pastor Tim's 30th Anniversary Celebration will be June 2nd.
- d. The voter's assembly will be June 23rd.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke.