

Governing Board Minutes

June 18, 2019 – **APPROVED 8/20/2019**

Scott Strachan had the devotion, “Pros and Cons of Short-term Missions.”

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Board members Craig Grundmeier, Kurt Kromminga, Brian Frantum, Ruth Ebke, Jennifer Jaschen, Martha Raecker, Anne Sheeley, and Greg Carstensen were in attendance. Also present were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Executive Director Chris Thomson.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Kurt Kromminga made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Brian Frantum seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer’s report:

- a. We may have an immediate opportunity to financially support a water purification project in the Dominican Republic via Compassion International. Our initial goal was to spread this over 2 years but a need has arisen so we may move the project up and move it forward.
- b. Mike Martens has tentatively agreed (awaiting a contract) to be our paid leader for Men’s Ministry. While he is not Synodically-trained to do so, he is considering pastoral ministry, and is furthermore one of our most solid disciples at GDLC. Though this position will only be part-time, he will directly report to Pastor Meyer.
- c. We have linked arms with men from Journey Church here in Urbandale for the purpose of meeting the needs of single moms who cannot afford to have work done around their homes. At present, there are only about four men involved in this mission project but we believe the number will grow. We’re utilizing an online registration engine that will not only coordinate the men available, but email them reminders and new dates as well.
- d. Pastor Meyer will be teaching the Revelation Study in the fall via video projection only. This will be during the same span of weeks that Pastor Johnson leads a live study in the Family Life Center. Pastor Meyer’s study will likely be projected on Thursday evenings rather than Wednesdays so that there isn’t a conflict with Pastor Johnson’s study time slot. Pastor will write the study guide for this during his vacation time so that it can be completed in time for publication in late August.

Executive Director Chris Thomson’s report:

- a. Three quote sheets with Communication Innovators have been signed for two access points in the nursery which will provide needed Wi-Fi and allow a check-in point downstairs, security cameras for DeAnn and Jenn’s offices that will provide a new measure of safety and software updates for the existing wireless access points in the building. All of these items were part of the facility overspend request and the signed quotes were in line with the prior estimates.

- b. May giving was up 11% from a year ago and exceeded budgeted giving by 14.2%.
- c. The following items have been completed: east end drainage, center hallway south windows, and playground fencing has been removed with post holes being dug. Exploration of the youth center roof needs to be done as soon as possible.
- d. As of June 12, we have received \$6,935 in donations for Rancho Ebenezer, Pastor Tim's ordination anniversary gift.

Brian Frantum's financial report:

- a. Financials look very good. There is approximately \$400,000 cash equity at end of this period.

Chris Thomson's attendance report:

- a. Average attendance is good as well as online attendance.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. The budget cannot be adjusted more than 5% without the voter's approval. Brian Frantum made a motion to approve the revised budget update for presenting to the voters at Sunday's assembly. Craig Grundmeier seconded. Motion passed.
- b. There were a couple of church members that questioned the fiscal year change. Both were in agreement with why the change was being made.
- c. The Elder change was discussed. They are currently functioning as worship assistants. Most churches with policy-based Governing Boards do not have Elders. Policy manual changes would need to be made as well as by-laws which would need to be approved by the voters. The Governing Board may need to set up a Saturday to work on the wording and then approved by the voters at the October Voter's Assembly.

Housekeeping

- a. Next Governing Board meeting will be in August.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke.