

Governing Board Minutes

September 17, 2019 – **APPROVED 10/22/19**

Kurt Kromminga led with the devotion, “Excerpts from A Morning Thought Devotional” by Diane K. Chamberlain.

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. Board members Kurt Kromminga, Brian Frantum, Jennifer Jaschen, Ruth Ebke, Martha Raecker, Anne Sheeley, and Craig Grundmeier were in attendance. Also present were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer, Executive Director Chris Thomson, Pastor Ben Johnson, and Steve Kowbel, Director of Worship and Technology. Greg Carstensen was absent.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Martha Raecker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Anne Sheeley seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer’s report:

- a. Pastor reported that we haven’t had any change in attendance due to the worship service time change.
- b. The CORE Beliefs segment has begun. There will be four bible studies by the end of the cycle.

Executive Director Chris Thomson’s report:

- a. The positive year-over-year increases in giving continue as August saw giving up 6.2% compared to a year ago.
- b. We continue to trend well during the more difficult summer months.

Brian Frantum’s financial report:

- a. Balance sheet is looking good with a favorable income. Expenses are facility-related. Cash at end of the period is in a strong position.

Chris Thomson’s attendance report:

- a. Attendance is consistently good.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items:

- a. A discussion on the FLC/Kitchen renovation was led by Pastor Meyer with additional remarks by Pastor Ben Johnson and Steve Kowbel. Total cost has gone up to \$1,892,749, an increase from the previous estimate. The bathrooms, fire sprinklers and kitchen grease trap are definitely needed to meet city code. \$300,000-\$400,000 is needed just to get up to compliance.

- b. After a lengthy discussion, Scott Strachan made a motion to go ahead and present the budget and drawing plan to the congregation during the informational meetings in October. Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 7 yes and 1 no.
- c. There will be 2 meetings the week of Oct 6 to present the information to the congregation and open it up to questions and comments before the congregational meeting.
- d. Scott Strachan presented the Governing Board tasks timeline for the fiscal year change.
- e. It was decided as a Board that Jennifer Jaschen's replacement in the spring of 2020 will be appointed by the Board from the previous list of interested candidates and then presented at the annual meeting in the fall for a vote.
- f. Monitoring Affirmation and Board Education: "What is Your Vision for This Church?" by H.B. Charles, Jr.

Housekeeping

- a. The Foundation meeting is September 19th.
- b. Brian Frantum will have the October devotional.
- c. The next Governing Board meeting will be October 15th. (Later changed to October 22nd)

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke