

Governing Board Minutes

October 22, 2019 – **APPROVED 11/19/2019**

Brian Frantum led with the devotion, “Jesus: A Stumbling Block”

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members Kurt Kromminga, Brian Frantum, Jennifer Jaschen, Ruth Ebke, Martha Raecker, Greg Carstensen, and Craig Grundmeier were present. Also present were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer, Executive Director Chris Thomson, and Director of Children’s Ministry Jenn Fuller (accompanied by her husband, Jason, and daughter, Ainsley). Anne Sheeley was absent.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Jennifer Jaschen made a motion to approve the minutes (noting that Ruth previously submitted a revision to the minutes to adjust the amount needed to get the church up to code compliance – it should read \$3-400,000). Ruth Ebke seconded. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer’s report:

- a. Pastor reported that this year’s giving tree endeavors will likely be a combination of the “Because International” expandable shoes and Bibles for Paraguay (through the Gideons)
- b. The “Pizza Pairings” fellowship event is not happening. The F3 Fellowship MAT was surprised by the lackluster interest for the event and is cancelling it (and will try to look into possible reasons for the lack of interest).

Executive Director Chris Thomson’s report:

- a. After some minor vandalism to the playground by some neighborhood children, there will be some new rules signage at the playground, and we will have more camera monitoring throughout the campus going forward.
- b. Giving for September was down 1.1% from last year, but the September quarter still saw an increase of 4.6% over last year.

Brian Frantum’s financial report:

- a. Financials are good; we are looking at a positive facilities variance, but that will be spent soon
- b. Liquidity is strong

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. A discussion was had about the voting procedure for the upcoming congregational meeting on October 27th. Two or three board members will help count ballots.
- b. A member mentioned the idea of promissory notes to Chris (to help fund the renovation). A brief discussion was had. It is an interesting idea with both potential benefits and concerns. The idea will be researched further.
- c. If the renovation/budget is not approved, we will have another Congregational Meeting to vote on alternate scenarios, as Pastor believes we are going to need to do the grease trap, bathrooms, and sprinklers regardless.
- d. Ruth Ebke made a motion to present the renovation project and borrowing up to \$1.9 million to voters. Kurt Kromminga seconded. The motion passed with eight for and one against.
- e. The agenda for the meeting will be the budget, the renovation vote, and the board member vote.
- f. Scott and Jennifer reported on the Foundation's recent meeting and progress that is being made. They are discussing bringing in a financial advisor who would handle the investment of funds, the bylaws are being reviewed, and they are looking at how to market the Foundation. The next meeting is scheduled for November.

Housekeeping

- a. Greg Carstensen will have the November devotional.
- b. The next Governing Board meeting will be November 19th.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Grundmeier