

Governing Board Minutes

January 28, 2020 – **APPROVED 2/18/2020**

Anne Sheeley lead with a devotion on what it truly means to be #blessed. DeAnn McCue updated the board on Women's Ministry efforts. DeAnn has had a number of successful events in the past year. We are extremely blessed to have her as the Director of Women's Ministry.

Call to Order

President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. Board members Kurt Kromminga, Anne Sheeley, Jennifer Jaschen, Ruth Ebke, and Craig Grundmeier were present. Also present were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer, Executive Director Chris Thomson, as well as Director of Women's Ministry, DeAnn McCue, who attended prior to Board business. Brian Frantum, Martha Raecker, and Greg Carstensen were absent.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Ruth Ebke made a motion to approve the minutes. Anne Sheeley seconded. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report:

- a. Pastor reported that bidding from contractors for the FLC/kitchen/bathroom project came in on budget, at \$1.9 million.
- b. Worship services typically held in the FLC will be in the youth room during construction
- c. The youth trip to Rwanda in 2020 has been cancelled. TK will be talking to Pastor Meissner of the Belize Mission Society about a potential trip to Belize instead.
- d. The final group of gift cards will be provided to the Pacific Junction family we have been supporting. We have been giving them \$400 in grocery gift cards every two weeks since November.

Executive Director Chris Thomson's report:

- a. November & December giving were up – both months saw giving more than 5% over what was budgeted.
- b. Attendance is good. November attendance was up; December was back down closer to "normal" levels.
- c. We are sticking with The Grounds Keeper for snow removal for now but are evaluating our options.

Chris Thomson also provided the financial report this month:

- a. We have just under two months' expenses available in cash.

- b. Cash will be tighter this year with construction bills, but we continue to be in a good financial position

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. Governing Board Officers for the 2020 calendar year are, as follows: Scott Strachan – President, Kurt Kromminga – Vice President, Martha Raecker – Treasurer, and Craig Grundmeier – Secretary.
- b. We discussed having a Governing Board retreat but decided we will only have them “as necessary” going forward (rather than making it an annual thing).
- c. We discussed reviewing the church’s policy manual & bylaws. We agreed to task ourselves with identifying sections that could use revision and then working through those revisions in smaller groups. This will be done in the coming months.
- d. We plan on discussing the Foundation Board at the next Governing Board meeting. Adjustments may need to be made, so we can get meaningful meetings scheduled (as we look to get the Foundation going).
- e. Jennifer Jaschen is moving, meaning we will need to look at replacing a Governing Board member.
- f. We discussed revisions to the Senior Pastor review process. We will work on making the process more consistent and measurable going forward.
- g. We went over the annual timeline of when certain actions need to be done and made revisions (i.e. when certain reports, budget items are due, etc.).
- h. We discussed a desire to have more women serving communion.

Housekeeping

- a. Jennifer Jaschen will have the February devotional.
- b. The next Governing Board meeting will be February 18th.
- c. We have updated Safe Deposit Box authorizations so that Martha Raecker and Chris Thomson have signing and access privileges.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Grundmeier