

Governing Board Minutes

October 20, 2020 – **APPROVED 11/17/2020**

Greg Carstensen lead with a devotion – he shared thoughts from the book of Genesis, specifically the story of Noah and the flood. Greg reminded us of God’s promises, that God is in control and we can rest in the promise that His word is true and His outcome is always good.

Call to Order

Due to the pandemic, this meeting was conducted via video conference call. President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM. Board members Kurt Kromminga, Martha Raecker, Jacque Thole, Brian Frantum, Greg Carstensen, Ruth Ebke, Anne Sheeley, and Craig Grundmeier were present. Executive Director Chris Thomson was also on the call.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Ruth Ebke made a motion to approve the minutes. Kurt Kromminga seconded. The motion passed.

Reports

Executive Director Chris Thomson’s report:

- a. We have a net loss of less than \$10,000 at this point in the year, which is very encouraging considering this includes six months of dealing with COVID-19.
- b. Chris was pleasantly surprised to find such a large number of churches are flat to positive against last year when it comes to giving trends. Depending on the report, between 59 and 64% of churches are flat or positive. We would be in that category if wasn’t for July being down 24% from last year.
- c. Tiny Treasures is picking up approximately one new enrollee per week as families become more confident in the safety protocols and procedures Jo Lynn and her staff have implemented.

Treasurers Report:

- a. Martha is very enthusiastic about our fiscal situation. She again praised our staff for doing such a great job of keeping expenses in check.
- b. She also noted that the increase in stock donations is very encouraging.
- c. The portal is open for PPP loan forgiveness. Chris and Alena will start working on beginning to submit the information needed to get the loan forgiven soon. Chris expects this to be done by the end of the year unless there is a financial benefit to letting it go into 2021.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. We discussed the upcoming annual meeting agenda. Kurt, Ruth, Anne, and Martha will be available to count ballots. We will also have a roster to determine who is eligible to vote

- (and make sure we don't receive duplicate ballots from people both mailing ballots and submitting them in person).
- b.** The following individuals expressed an interest in serving as officers in the coming year: Kurt Kromminga – President, Craig Grundmeier – Vice President, Martha Raecker – Treasure, Jacque Thole – Secretary. Brian Frantum made a motion to place the individuals in those positions. Anne Sheeley seconded. The motion passed.
 - c.** We began reviewing policy manual changes, making it through Sections 3, 2.2.15.2.2, 2.5.3.4, 2.5.5.2.1, 3.5.1, 2.10.4, and 2.11. Craig will make the agreed upon updates to the policy manual, and we will again work on the remaining changes in November.
 - d.** We will also discuss the foundation in November.

Housekeeping

- a. Jacque Thole will give the November devotional.
- b. The next Governing Board meeting will be November 17th.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Grundmeier