

GDLC Board Meeting 4.18.23 – **APPROVED 5/16/23**

Steve provided the devotion on basing our lives on the only foundation, Jesus Christ.

Call to Order

President Craig Grundmeier called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Board members Stefani Tanner, Jessie James, Martha Raecker, Ethan Muench, Craig Dueker, Wendy Kropf, Steve Junge and Jacque Thole were also present. Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Executive Director Chris Thomson were present.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Craig Dueker made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the March meeting. Steve Junge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report:

1. Easter was amazing. There was a jump in attendance, with 1,000 more than the previous week. This is both heartening and disheartening at the same time.
2. The letter for Pastor's retirement will go out on Monday, April 24th.
3. Podcasts – About 45 people that regularly access Pastor Joe's podcasts. Facebook Bible studies are very successful.

Executive Director Chris Thomson's report:

1. We've had a great first quarter and is very reminiscent of last year. This gets us off to a great start for giving and net income, providing a good cushion for the year.
2. Budgeting for March was spot on and trends are consistent from last year.
3. Facility Assistant position – Eli McBee has been working closely with Greg for the first couple weeks.
4. Technology projects – Darren Hushak finished a few tech-related projects in March (updated projector cabling, updating the video switcher in the sanctuary, adding a TV monitor to the FLC sacristy).

Financials report (Martha): We were right in line with the budget with giving and expenses, looking nearly identical to March 2022. Income was under budget by \$81, expenses were \$2,000 under monthly budget. We are at 3.3 months of cash on hand, this is a difference of \$38k more than we had last month. In looking at the Profit and Loss Comparison sheet, Mission envelopes were up this year and Portals & Prayer expenses are up because more are being used. There were also higher confirmation expenses because there was a larger class. Less interest was paid on loans.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

1. By Laws Update
 1. Two additional sections were amended at the meeting to eliminate the word "present" in regards to voting, since voting can also be completed via ballot. These have been updated on the Google Doc
 - i. Article I 1.A. will now read as follows:

1. In the event that a call needs to be issued either to replace a Senior Pastor or to fill a staff position, a Voter's Assembly shall be called to obtain a majority of those members present at the meeting to approve the initiation of the Call Process.
- ii. Article I 1. H. will now read as follows:
 1. The congregation shall have the sole authority to issue a Call. At a duly and properly called regular or special Voter's Assembly, the voters shall select, by a simple majority vote of voting members ~~all those members present~~, a candidate to which the call should be issued. Voting at the Voter's Assembly shall be by ballot or voice vote, as determined by the Chairman of the meeting.
 2. Wendy Kropf made a motion to approve the amended Articles (Article I 1. A and Article I 1. H.) in the By Laws. Craig Dueker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 3. These changes will be presented to the congregation for a vote.
2. Preliminary Discussions on Call MAT
 1. Initial names of potential MAT members were mentioned for consideration.
 2. The Voter's Meeting is May 21st at 1pm.
 3. Craig Grundmeier and one additional Board member will be on the MAT.
3. Replacement for Scott Snyder on Foundation Board
 1. Pastor provided names for recommendations of potential replacements with discussion completed amongst the Board members.
 2. Craig will confer with Matt Nuetzman, the Foundation President.

Housekeeping

1. Core Values dinner is on April 27th at 6pm.
2. Next meeting is May 16th with Lead Gloria Dei starting again.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jacque Thole