

GDLC Board Meeting 5.16.23 – **APPROVED 6/20/23**

Pastor Joe led the board through the first part of Year Two – Chapter One of Lead Gloria Dei.

Call to Order

President Craig Grundmeier called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Board members Stefani Tanner, Jessie James, Martha Raecker, Wendy Kropf, Ethan Muench, Steve Junge and Jacque Thole were also present. Craig Dueker was not present. Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Executive Director Chris Thomson were present.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Martha Raecker made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the April meeting. Jessie James seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report:

1. Call process – Members have received information as to what is happening and Pastor is preparing the congregation for a 6-18 month process. After the Voter's meeting, nominations can be received. Pastor will explain more at the Voter's meeting. 47 ballots have already been received.
 - a. Nominations will go to the Call Committee and the District President in order to obtain the Pastoral Informational Form.
2. Pastor is considering stopping 10:27 podcast. Bible studies are still very popular.

Executive Director Chris Thomson's report:

1. April was another good month. Solid first 1/3 of the year, GDLC continues to be blessed by giving that is ahead of budget, expenses in line or slightly below.
 - a. Wages and benefits savings is the biggest factor due to the change in Concordia Plan's billing cycle, as operational spending is generally in line or slightly above.
2. 2023 Assessment – we saw an increase of \$1 million in our appraised land and building value. Our current insurance policy expires 7/25 and Chris is seeking bids for property and work comp for the upcoming year.
3. Attendance chart – overall growth is evident during and coming out of Covid.
4. Tiny Treasures is planning to have a Fall Consignment Sale with Heather Schmitz as the Director of Tiny Treasures.

Financial report (Martha): We continue to be in a good position with income over budget by 13% in April. Expenses were under budget by \$5,000 and unrestricted funds remain at over 3 months of cash on hand. In looking at the P & L comparison, it is fairly predictable with what is budgeted.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

1. Upcoming Congregational Meeting
 - a. Will need Board members to count ballots, both absentee and those that complete a ballot at the meeting.

- b. Will need to update the ByLaws with the date approved, after the Voter's meeting.
2. Call MAT
 - a. Names were mentioned, discussed and voted upon. They will be contacted in order of votes to determine if they are interested in joining the MAT.
3. Foundation Board – Jim De Kruif
 - a. Jessie James made the motion to approve Jim De Kruif as a replacement for Scott Snyder on the Gloria Dei Foundation Board. Wendy Kropf seconded it. The motion carried.

Housekeeping

1. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 20th.
2. Begin thinking of names for Nominating Committee to replace Board members whose terms will be expiring

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jacque Thole