

GDLC Board Meeting 2.20.24 – **APPROVED 3/19/24**

Stefani opened the meeting with a devotion, pertaining to the fruit of the Spirit and fruit of the flesh.

Call to Order

President Steve Junge called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Board members Stefani Tanner, Martha Raecker, Ethan Muench, Craig Dueker, Nick Bass, Melissa Woodruff and Jacque Thole were present, in addition to Senior Pastor Ben Johnson and Executive Director Chris Thomson. Board member Wendy Kropf was not present.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Craig Dueker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2024 meeting. Martha Raecker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Ben Johnson's report:

1. Pastor Ben shared Mike Marten's visions and goals with the Board (not included in the January report)
2. Working with Karen Kennedy on how to foster an improved sense of relationship, rather than just a partnership.
 - a. They are cultivating ideas, knowing that 235 individuals and families are having communication with these children.
 - b. On March 3, 5-7 pm, World Vision Celebration dinner – food will be catered in (free will offering). There will be a presentation on what the specific programs are, what is the monthly \$39 going toward and the plan for the partnership with the families.
 - c. World Vision finds it is beneficial to do another Chosen party in 2 years.
3. Under direction of Brenden Pugh, Taylor Bogle has been hired (with social media and graphic design experience) for ~10-12 hours/week. Currently working on slides and graphic art. Will come from the Worship section within the Wages and Compensation budget line.
4. Summer sermon series: will go through the book of Hebrews throughout the summer.

Executive Director, Chris Thomson's report:

1. Major accounting functions are being handled, but certain accounting entries and reconciliations are being postponed until Allison's return.
2. Tax documents, payroll, Tiny Treasures tuition are all being handled.
3. Finances for January – general fund giving was ~166k (budgeted giving was ~\$162k)
4. Chris provided a spreadsheet with giving/income for January, including Subsplash, Vanco (preschool tuition), weekend offering, midweek (bill pay checks, Lenten sack lunches, etc.), Stripe (event registrations), 3rd party giving primarily via employer donation matching
5. Rooftop unit is ready for installation, weather permitting could happen as early as next week
6. Heather Schmitz applied for a grant through Iowa HHS. She found out yesterday that she received \$28k – will be putting in vinyl flooring in the Tiny Treasures classrooms.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

1. Associate Pastor Call
 - a. Congregational meeting date – March 10th would give adequate time for members to be aware of the meeting date and vote (in person or absentee)
 - b. Governing Board members on Call Committee – Ethan Muench and Craig Dueker volunteered to the Board representatives.
 - c. Prospective Call Committee candidates – this will be determined at the March 19th meeting.
2. Congregational Listening Post

Housekeeping

1. Staff birthdays – cards were dispersed to cover the 4 birthdays in March, February and March birthdays will be receiving a free lunch on the same day in March
2. March devotion – Jacque will provide the devotion
3. Next meeting will be on March 19, 2024

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jacque Thole.