

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Governing Board

Sept. 19, 2017 (APPROVED 11/21/2017)

Call to Order:

Vice-President Kurt Kromminga called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members Greg Carstensen, Lorrie Graaf, Ruth Ebke, Craig Grundmeier, Jennifer Jaschen and Anne Sheeley were in attendance. Senior Pastor Joe Meyer was also in attendance. Brian Frantum and Scott Strachan were absent. Kurt Kromminga opened with a devotional.

Visitor Recognition:

Executive Director Chris Thomson was present as a visitor.

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

The minutes of the July 25, 2017 board meeting were reviewed. Craig Grundmeier made a motion to accept these minutes as presented. Anne Sheeley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. Senior Pastor's Report
 - a. The Core Beliefs Class for new members has more transfer Lutherans than the previous class.
 - b. There will be a new member dinner on Wednesday, October 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Board members are encouraged to attend.
 - c. The Fellowship MAT is planning a wine and cheese event at the District 36 in Ankeny. This is a fellowship building event with 50 tickets being sold. There will also be a pumpkin and pies event on October 25.
 - d. The Futures MAT will be sending out five different surveys spaced out over possibly 9 months to gain information on worship, facilities, children's and youth ministry, staffing, live-streaming, fellowship, connectedness, etc.
 - e. Work on the new logo and website is going well. The cross will be bigger and bolder. There will also be t-shirts with this logo available for sale to members.
 - f. Pastor Clark is excited about working with Christ Our Savior in Norwalk and they love him. More information will be upcoming on his status there.
 - g. There were 17 households who viewed the first Wednesday evening Bible Study on the internet with 75 present in the fellowship hall.
2. Executive Director's Report:
 - a. Property Update: Justin Hosch will repair the outside recycling and waste enclosure.
 - b. The Sept 13th foundation golf outing went well. It was felt that an earlier date would be set for next year. The outing netted close to \$3000.
 - c. A Grandview Student has been interviewed and would be a flex facilities person to help Duane while Bill splits his time with COS.

- d. The SMMO summary was reviewed.
- 3. Financials:
 - a. Chris did the financial report in Brian's absence. Thrivent dollars will pay for the logo updates and signs.
- 4. Attendance:
 - a. Chris reported that the attendance was 900+ last weekend.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items:

District Convention:

The Iowa District Convention will be June 24-26, 2018. A motion was made by Anne Sheeley that Pastor Joe Meyer be the pastoral delegate and Scott Strachan be the lay delegate for the convention. Kurt Kromminga would be an alternate in the event that Scott could not attend. Jennifer Jaschen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gloria Dei Foundation:

Since the current directors have termed out, the board needs to come to the next meeting with names for the 6 new foundation directors, 3 of these will come from the Governing Board. The foundation was established 15 years ago and currently has just over \$70,000. The families who have given to the foundation need to be honored with a good use for this money.

Board Retreat:

The board retreat will be Friday evening, October 20 and Saturday morning, October 21. New Board members will attend Friday evening and all members will attend Saturday morning.

Congregational Listening Post:

There was none at this time.

Monitoring Affirmation and Board Education:

5 Common Evangelism Excuses with Mark Dever

Adjournment:

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ebke

