

Governing Board Minutes

May 19, 2020 – APPROVED 6/23/2020

Craig Grundmeier lead with a devotion – an article written by David Platt for the Washington Post.

Karen Kennedy was a special guest for this meeting. She provided updates as to the church's online/digital presence (updates being made, what they have learned, etc.).

Call to Order

Due to the pandemic, this meeting was conducted via video conference call. President Scott Strachan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Board members Kurt Kromminga, Anne Sheeley, Jacque Thole, Brian Frantum, Martha Raecker, Greg Carstensen, Ruth Ebke, and Craig Grundmeier were present. Also, on the call were Senior Pastor Joe Meyer and Executive Director Chris Thomson.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Martha Raecker made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Carstensen seconded. The motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor Joe Meyer's report:

- a. Pastor commented that the kitchen and FLC renovation project is going well. The construction quality looks good. He is not sure where we are regarding the timeline (how we are looking relative to the goal).
- b. Pastor noted that our members gave \$5,500 to the Urbandale Food Pantry – how appreciative they were of the gift, and how thankful he is for our members.
- c. Pastor spoke about how he is stressing the importance of masks for worship. He understands that singing can increase the risk of coronavirus spread, and masks help with that. He has only had a couple individuals speak with him about their concern for the need for masks (most are in favor of it).

Executive Director Chris Thomson's report:

- a. April giving was the same as a year ago (a very encouraging trend given we were in-person in 2019 and completely online in 2020); we are seeing new givers as well.
- b. The Payroll Protection Program focus shifts to documentation – to show we are using the funds appropriately (to make sure the loan turns into a grant).
- c. \$96,000 was sent to LCEF this week, which was \$75,000 the board pledged toward the renovation projection and an additional \$21,000 in giving. This will help to partially offset the next construction payment we need to make.

Treasurers Report:

Martha Raecker reiterated how great Chris and Alena did in putting together information for us to get the PPP loan...and are now doing with documentation to help turn it into a grant. She also noted that our community giving (line 5062) will resume, as congregational giving has rebounded.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

- a. We discussed the nominating committee for board members. Scott will send out an e-mail with names for consideration, and the names that are voted for most will be the individuals called first. Jacque, Martha, Kurt, and Scott will do the calling.
- b. We also discussed policy manual updates. Scott created subcommittees and will assign each team topics to review. We will need to complete these reviews over the next couple months.
- c. We agreed to move the June meeting back one week and will still meet via conference call in June.

Housekeeping

- a. Kurt Kromminga will have June's devotional.
- b. The next Governing Board meeting will be June 23rd.

Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Grundmeier