

Governing Board Minutes
August 17, 2022

Attendees: Robert Spotts, Jim Pennington, Joe Rinella, Nancy Rinella, Ilea Bouse, Eric Bokovoy, and Steve Miller

Absent: Kaylene Baker

Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed July Minutes. Eric made a motion to approve, Jim made a second motion. All voted in favor to approve minutes.

Reviewed the Treasurer's report. Anders was absent, so documents were presented without additional explanation. Discussed the need to share information with the congregation, and agreed to update and use the current slide in the slide deck to share information.

Joe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob made a second motion. All voted in favor to accept the treasurer's report.

Steve Miller provided Transition Report

He shared that there has been positive movement in the last week, despite a set back the previous week.

He shared that Greg Caruso from Vital Church will come the weekend of the 28th, and will stay Friday through Tuesday over that weekend. He will be preaching on Sunday.

Greg would also like to meet with the Governing Board and the Transition Team.

The goal of his visit is to help this church finish strong.

Discussed the best time to convene the Governing Board, and settled on Sunday after Church. Eric agreed to provide lunch.

Greg will meet with the Transition Team at their regularly scheduled time.

Joe provided an Elder Report.

Joe said they received 97 emails from members confirming their membership which seemed encouraging.

Discussed why this activity was needed, and Joe and Jim reminded the group it was required by our By laws prior to a Congregational Meeting. It was also needed for the Nominating Committee, as they seek to fill new Board members and Deacons, as they need to call upon members.

Joe also informed the group that Monty from the district is not allowing us to create a Pastor Search committee at this time, because he does not feel like we are ready. So this decision was vetoed by the District leadership, which we will follow. Elder Board Members continue to work with the Transition team to move through this transition season.

Eric provided a Deacon Report.

Gym floor is being resurfaced tomorrow and for 5 days there can be no feet on the floor. Then it needs to wait 2 weeks before chairs can be put on the floor.

Eric reported he had help to get the floor ready.

He also reported there will be 4 Deacons helping with the Beach Baptism on the 21st. They will help with tables.

He said the Arc still needs to get stained.

He also shared that Tanya from the Sunshine Club, would like to install a second ADA ramp. They will pay for it. There was discussion about whether it would interfere with the kids services, since they also use that Mod.

Nancy made a motion to approve the installation of the ramp contingent upon Aaron Wyrek's approval that it would not pose a problem with children's ministries.

Eric seconded the motion, and said he would follow up with Aaron.

All voted in favor of this motion.

Nancy provided a Deaconess Report.

Laurie Branson and Patty Henry will help Laura with the food at the River Baptism.

5 People are scheduled for Baptism.

There was some discussion about Laura and how she is doing, considering there is such a thin staff. There was quite a discussion about how much she does, and how much we appreciate her. Nancy shared that Laura is super good at everything she does, so we need to be very careful not to burn her out. The group brainstormed ways to help her feel loved and appreciated.

Steve Miller provided Church Update

Nomination Committee will be Tim Saur, Bruce Brown, Steve Miller, Mark Johnson and Kaylene Baker

Rhonda Fisher asked to step down from this committee, Mark Johnson will replace her.

New Governing Board :Discussed the size for the incoming Governing Board, and the need to pray for the incoming new leadership.

Deacon: Discussed the change and make up of the Deacons, and agreed this would need to be made clear for the nominating committee.

Youth Pastor Search: Steve said the group has had trouble getting together due to summer vacations and schedules. They did have one Zoom Interview with one candidate, but they have not finalized a decision. The Board asked Steve to get a decision from the Committee.

Children's Ministry: Discussed the need to hear from the Children's Ministry Advisory Board, which is made up of Kim and Karen, to find out how they feel things are going with the Children's Ministry. Asked if they could meet with the Governing Board at the next meeting.

Discussed that Tina would be back soon. The Governing Board would like to hear from Tina about her Sabbatical, and would like her to share at the next Board meeting.

Discussed Follow up steps after Monty's meeting and visit. There was discussion about Governing Board members building and/or participating in ministry teams.

Identified some ministries that might need support such as CR, Tech Team, Worship, Youth, and Social

Jim said he would work on rebuilding community groups.

As the group processed the different ministries and need for leaders the conversation moved into a discussion about the need for more leaders and how that might also be met with the role of Deacons.

After a bit of discussion the group identified the need to know more about where the current gaps and holes might be.

Steve said he will connect with Todd and Stephanie about their user manual, and to find out their needs. He said would also check in with the Youth and staff, to get a better idea of where the holes are that might need more leadership support.

Ended the meeting with prayer.