

Hood River Alliance Church

October 19, 2022 Governing Authority Meeting Minutes

Nancy Rinella, Ilea Bouse, Eric Bokovoy, Joe Rinella, Anders Sorestad, Marty Miller, Bob Spotts and Intentional Interim Pastor Gregg Caruso were present.

Pastor Gregg opened the meeting at 7:08PM with praise and thanks to church staff and the present governing authority for our service. He reminded us we are rocks on the pond, from which the ripples go out into the church body. Serving on the board should be a joyful experience and our role is to identify what the Holy Spirit is saying to our church.

We paused and Gregg led us in prayer

Excuse of Members

For future meetings, Gregg let us know it will be appropriate to let the facilitator know in advance to be excused from a meeting if we can't make it.

Consent Agenda

From the prepared consent agenda and packet, Gregg let us know we will begin immediately to count our weekly Sunday attendance

Eric moved to accept the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Bob seconded and the minutes were approved.

Fiduciary

It was noted with concern that total receipts are down for September and for year-to-date. Expenses are down by a near equal amount, but the reminder/caution from Anders is that if not for 2 gifts to the church we would be in a deficit. With summer travels and vacations in the past, October will be a telling month for giving. Gregg provided backdrop – giving trends in most churches drop following church disruptions such as we've experienced for about 2 years before they begin to rise again. The same pattern can be noted with new attendees – an approximate 2 years before they begin regular giving patterns. Marty moved to approve the report, Joe gave a second and the treasurers report was approved.

Property Update

Eric noted the painting is almost complete. There are some window trims yet to be painted. The work on the ark has been completed. The last project to be worked on will be siding for Mod 3 and he is hopeful of a work party to complete this at the end of October or early Nov. It is noted we will need someone for parking lot snowplowing in coming months as the one who has been doing this the past several years will not be doing so this year.

Eric is wanting to move ahead now with deacons being "team leaders" to organize teams to meet specific needs of the church building and events. Gregg and Eric will conduct a facility "walk thru" in the near future.

Generative

- I.) Calendar - We calendarized future Governing Authority meetings – meetings will continue to be at 7:00PM and are now scheduled for Nov. 16, Dec. 14th, and Jan. 18th.
- II.) Linkage - We will build relations between the board and church staff. Each board member will take responsibility to connect with a specific staff member going forward. Marty accepted responsibility to connect with Tim Sauer. Other board and staff connections to be decided upon.
- III.) Annual Business Meeting - It will be determined at a later time for someone to facilitate the annual business meeting.

Strategy

- I.) Vital Church Contract - Gregg was dismissed from the room for this discussion while finances and expense were discussed for the renewing of the Vital Church contract, due to expire on Nov. 1, 2022. We will renew on a month-to-month basis in the months ahead. We will petition Vital Church to make one adjustment to eliminate, or pick up the cost of the coach fee. It was noted Pastor Steve Miller did not receive any coaching during his tenure as Intentional Interim Pastor.
- II.) Ministry Objectives from the Vital Church Report to the congregation:

Objective 1 has been accomplished. Objective 2 will continue as on-going with periodic reminders of repentance. Objective 3 and 4 are God's healing work Objective 5, finalized By Laws to be sent to district superintendent for approval by Oct. 26. A date of Oct. 30th set to finalize procedures. Objective 6, Gregg is working hard and fast on roles. Objective 7 – we are working away at this including community groups and gaining momentum again. Objective 8, we will continue to make online service available, but the music/worship online has been discontinued now. Objective 9, we will keep the current Intentional Interim Pastor thru the selection and hiring process of a new lead pastor at HRAC.

- III.) Nominating Committee – Gregg is taking the lead on this and will be coaching the committee once it is finalized
- IV.) Year – End Fund Gregg reminded we will just “do the ask”. He has a start on a letter and mentioned this is where a Financial Advisory Board would benefit the church.
- V.) Vital Church on site visit - Gregg indicated Vital Church president Dave Miles is at work to schedule an on-site visit at the end of January.

Ministry Governance

We will wait on the selection of a meeting facilitator for now. Marty will be the meeting assessor. We will further develop a board calendar once we have Policy Governance finalized and up and running.

Communication & Counsel to Ministry Board

Gregg has been working with and is putting together an updated job description for Tina. Her title will be Associate Pastor.

Gregg is working with staff on our core ministries with staff members now providing devotions at staff meetings. He is also working to build a worship community of volunteers, may lead to a worship administrator to handle this ministry area. He will be discharging and closing the Transition Team.

He asked us to be mindful of the 4 R's.....Inspiration, Instruction, Interaction and Intersession as given us in the book of Acts and chapter 15.

Staff will recruit, train, deploy and monitor. We were overstaffed before, whereas staff will now focus on equipping the saints.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16.