

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
23 February 2017 4:30 pm EST

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, Sarah Jane Ramage, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Dr. William Knight, Rev. Jakob Hero, Mark Dalglish, Kimberly Brown, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns, Angel Collie,

Staff: Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Check-In/ Opening Prayer:

After a brief check-in Rachelle opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda:

2017 01-26 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the 2017 01-16 Meeting Minutes as presented was made by William.

Motion was seconded by Stephanie.

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

December 2016 Financial Reports

Motion to accept the 2016 December Financial Reports as presented was made by Kimberly.

Motion was seconded by SJ

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion Passes.

Discussion Agenda:

Moderator's Report: Rachelle reported that she is continuing work on structure, priorities for our transition time, and budgeting. The 50th Anniversary Planning Team had a very successful initial meeting.

Strategic Planning Meeting: Rachelle noted that we need an Interim Transition Committee rather than a Strategic Planning Committee, to address how we can effectively stay in line with our priorities and lead in this time of transition.

Assessment Commission Membership Vote: S-J reported on the recommended roster for the Assessment Commission. There were 11 applications – 4 ordained clergy, 3 in care, 2 lay pastors.

Motion to approve the list of proposed candidates was made by Joe.

Motion was seconded by Stephanie.

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

Assessment Commission members list will be released on Tuesday, 28 February.

Governance Committee: Stephanie reported they were actively working with the Board of Pensions and with Linda in getting the communications out about the upcoming webinar. The BOD does not need to recertify churches for 2017.

Financial Position/Budget Process: We need one live signature on checks. Jakob and Stephanie will do live signatures during Barb's sabbatical.

Motion to authorize Governing Board Members, Jakob Hero, Angel Collie, Stephanie Burns, William Knight, Joe Cobb and Kimberly Brown to become signatories on the Bank of America account was made by William.

Motion was seconded by Stephanie.

Aye: All voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

Motion made to authorize the disbursement of \$125,000 from the investment account to cover current and anticipated cash shortfalls through July 31, 2017. The Governing Board shall set up a repayment plan as part of the 2018 budget that begins payments no later than December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Joe.

Motion was seconded by William

Aye: all voting members present voted aye.

Motion passes.

Any money not spent will be put back into the investment account. A question was raised regarding any legal ramifications about doing this. Kimberly said that there were not, and it is part of the authority of the Governing Board. There are no tax implications. We are acting on this now in preparation for Barb's upcoming sabbatical.

Development Update and Goals: Rachele reported that we are shifting strategy and will be seeking an outside consultant to help us review and build a new strategy on revenue

generation. The Governing Board expresses our thanks to Emily Gaylor for her work in this position over the past two years.

Governors were invited to consider our personal development goals for the coming year and to identify potential donors and/or Moderator's Circle members.

There will be a Joint GB/SLT/COE virtual meeting on 15 March. Next GB meeting will be 22 March and focus on budget. Then there will be a F2F meeting of the GB in North Carolina, 30 March thru 3 April.

Closing Prayer:

Rachelle closed the meeting with prayer at 6:05 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Joe Cobb
Clerk, Governing Board