



GOVERNING BOARD  
Minutes of November 14, 2011

Present: Bill Brunner, David Dorr, Mandy Keller Rodriguez, Paula Lancaster, Mark Olthoff, Janet Peterson, Jack Petiet, Sarah Torres, Norman Tubbs, Bryan Walters, Jim Winter-Troutwine

Staff: Fred Wooden, Matthew Cockrum, Patrick Hamrick

Absent: Todd Fettig, Gayla Jewell, Jim Irwin

Guests: Darla Alexander

**1. Call to Community**

The meeting was called order at 7:02 PM by chair, Bill Brunner. Paula Lancaster gave the call to community.

**2. Announcements**

**a. Governing Board (GB) entry to the *Chimes*:** Jack Petiet will write the article for the December *Chimes*.

**b. Resignation of Wendy Marty from the GB – Bill Brunner**

A replacement for Wendy will be deferred by decision of the Officers' Committee until after the November 20 election at the annual meeting. It will be a one year appointment.

**3. Congregant Comments**

Wellspring Health Ministry – see #7 Mission Discussion

**4. Consent Agenda**

a. Secretary's Report – Jim Winter-Troutwine

The October minutes need to be changed to reflect Gayla Jewell's resignation was as chair of the Governing Board. She will remain on the Board.

b. Treasurer's Report – Brian Walters

Cash on hand is \$230,000 down from \$250,000 at the end of September.

c. Executive Team (ET) Report – Fred Wooden

The minutes of October 17, 2011, the October financial statements, the November Executive Team Report were presented on the consent agenda. **MOTION** was made by Mark Olthoff to approve these reports with minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jim Winter-Troutwine. **Motion passed.** See attached reports.

**5. 2012 GB Appointment to the Foundation – Bill Brunner**

Judith Weersing was presented to the Board as its candidate to serve on the Foundation Board.

**MOTION** was made by Norm Tubbs to appoint Judith Weersing to serve as the GB representative on the FSC Foundation Board. The motion was seconded by Jack Petiet. **Motion passed.**

**6. 2012 Budget – Executive Team**

The proposed budget was distributed to the Board. Patrick Hamrick reviewed the information. \$631,872 has been pledged thus far. If those who pledged for 2011 and not yet for 2012 were to pledge at the same level as last year we would have \$790,000.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Winter-Troutwine to present this proposed budget to the congregation for acceptance at the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Norm Tubbs. **Motion passed.**

**7. Mission Discussion – Worship and Communication – Fred Wooden**

Education and Fellowship – see ET report.

Darla Alexander, representing Wellspring, spoke to their goal of adding to the health and welfare of congregants. They take blood pressures monthly, sponsor the medical loan closet, have provided programming for the Mind Body Connection and sponsored the flu shot clinic. They would like to set up literature rack. They are working with GVSU nursing school to recruit members over 65 to assist students. They will provide basic education about Obama's health care plan. Darla also noted that there is insurance available through the state for those uninsured at reasonable rates. Fred Wooden suggested a program helping people of all ages understand health insurance.

Matthew Cockrum reported that there has been a slight increase in attendance in Character School this year. They are participating in a number of Social Action activities. Fountain Club will go to the Gulf Coast this spring on a service project.

The goals for next 3 months are to maintain the same level of activity, structure/committees with COA, FC etc.

A question was raised about how we can reconnect with former Fountain Streeters? This has not been done as yet.

**8. Annual Meeting**

**Budget Presentation – Bryan Walters**

Bryan reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that will be used at the annual meeting.

**9. Security Policy: Second Reading – Fred Wooden**

The language will be changed to 'people with disabilities' instead of disabled people.

The Board requested the addition that background checks will be periodically updated on a schedule to be determined by the ET.

**10. Chapel Project – Bryan Walters**

**MOTION** was made by Bryan Walters to have the ET proceed to implement the process for completion of Phase II of the chapel project as presented in the October 16, 2011 report. The motion was seconded by Paula Lancaster. **Motion passed.**

**11. Committees to the GB**

**a. Stewardship – Jack Petiet**

Pledge-a-Palooza: There was good feedback from the Halloween party. This format works well. They turned a profit. Janet Peterson thanked Sarah Torres for assembling the GB basket that was in the raffle.

**b. Oversight – Jim Winter-Troutwine**

No changes since last month.

**c. Nominating – Todd Fettig/Bryan Walters**

i. Board Member Exit Interviews

ii. Board Buddy Assignments and duties. Feedback will be obtained from members new in 2011.

**d. Strategic Planning/Linkage – Bill Brunner**

The discussion groups are underway. There has been a small response so far. The GB feedback session is November 21 at 7 PM.

**12. Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made by Mark Olthoff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Winter-Troutwine. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

**Future meetings:**

**November**

- FSC Annual Meeting, November 20, 2011, 12:15 PM, Sanctuary
- Special GB Meeting, Monday, November 21, 2011, 7 PM with the Strategic Planning Design Team

**December**

- OC/ET – Monday, December 5, 6 PM, Board Room
- Governing Board Holiday Party– Monday, December 19, Winter-Troutwine residence, 6:30 PM.

**February**

- GB/ET Saturday Retreat, February 4, 2012, 8 AM to 4 PM at Bob Zylstra's offices as it was last year.

Jim Winter-Troutwine – Secretary  
Christine Hess - Scribe