

Gurnee Community Church  
Elder Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2021  
Meeting Held at the GCC Community Room

Members Present: Amy Gibes, Adam Hoskinson, Gary Miller, Steve Saunders, Chris Stephens, Robin Wantoch, Fran Yanuzzi  
Members Absent: None

Steve opened in prayer at 6:35pm.

Praises and prayer requests were shared.

Chapter 9 of Woke Church by Eric Mason was discussed. For the next meeting reflections and next steps to be taken from the book will be shared. Titles for a new book selection will be considered.

Due to the move of Kristie Worfel on January 4th, 2021, a new board position has opened up. Nominations from the board for the open position are to be sent to Robin who will collate the names for discussion at the next meeting.

Chris updated the board on the status of beginning in person worship services. Consideration is being given to the mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical health of congregants. As of this date, the covid numbers in Lake County and Gurnee are going down. Due to this factor, there is hope that in person worship services will be able to happen soon. Chris will be communicating to the congregation the above factors.

Chris and Brian Walters (associate pastor) have an idea to improve the food safety for the Sunday snack bar. They are planning to hire someone who has expertise in food safety. This person will train volunteers on food safety and can oversee the ministry on Sunday mornings.

Fran updated the board on the Zoom prayer platform for Sunday worship. The plan is to schedule a training session with Mike Rancharan (director of worship) and invite the prayer team members. Two members have indicated an interest so far.

Robin reviewed the director's meeting. Phil Rosborough (director of stewardship) recommended the budget stay the same, as revenues and expenses remain level. The outdoor Christmas Eve services were well received and attended, even with the very cold weather. Josiah Goering, youth director, is planning activities for the winter months even in the midst of covid restrictions/changes.

During the state of the church discussion, several topics were mentioned. Chris brought up a weariness and "lostness" among the staff. Families and marriages are struggling. Brian and Carrie are working on a comprehensive plan to help couples and their marriages, many of which have been under severe stress.

Robin will edit a letter to the congregation concerning feedback on Chris's performance review. Robin will send this to Nikki (church administrator) to send out via email to congregants. This will be returned via e-mail directly to the elders GCC email. The review is to have a distinctly positive and helpful tone. Along with this, direct reports from elders on staff reviews will be sent in one document.

The board discussed how to pray during services concerning the very emotional and heated political situation. Much wisdom and discernment is needed.

Adam closed in prayer at 8:55pm.

Amy Gibes  
GCC Church Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm in the community room at GCC.