

Gurnee Community Church
Elder Board Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2020
GCC Chapel

Members Present: Amy Gibes, Adam Hoskinson, Gary Miller, Chris Stephens, Robin Wantoch, Kristie Worfel, Fran Yanuzzi

Members Absent: Steve Saunders

Kristie opened in prayer at 6:36pm. Prayer requests and praises were shared. Time was spent praying for family members and the GCC church congregation.

Elder goals were discussed. Steve and Adam will be reviewing the guiding principles by the end of February. Robin will be working with Fran and Kristie concerning the prayer team. Fran volunteered to make an outline and develop content for communicating to the congregation the board's goals and mission through the Connect bulletin and church website. Chris referred to the "elder-driven ministry" goal and provided direction to the building committee and debt reduction plan.

The staff and elder retreat details were discussed. Chris will be working with Michael Lee, who will be the main facilitator, on the final details. A speaker fee for Michael was mentioned. Chris will look into what is appropriate.

Details and structure for the upcoming 160th anniversary of GCC were discussed. Robin shared a Scripture reading from John 15. The discussion centered on what to communicate, how to communicate it, and what visuals might be used to do so. Several ideas were suggested, one being to have connect cards in the pew on which people would write specific ways GCC congregants were being "for their neighbor" in the community. These would be vetted by the staff and shared in subsequent Sunday services. The kick-off for the anniversary celebration will begin February 9th and 16th. A church luncheon is scheduled for the 16th.

Chris gave an update on the staff reviews he is completing. He asked the elders to give input on staff via a document on googledocs.

Robin gave a summary of the January staff/director's meeting she attended.

Chris gave a brief review of the state of the church. The new staff retirement funding program just started and he is pleased with the company chosen. Chris reported that the church financials are in great shape. We are grateful to God and remember that our trust is not in the gifts given to us, but in the Giver of all things.

Adam closed in prayer at 8:52pm.

The next meeting on January 28th will be held at Fran's home. The focus of this meeting will be the senior pastor review.

In His Service,
Amy Gibes, Church Secretary