

Gurnee Community Church
Elder Board Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2024
Via Zoom

Members Present: Amy Gibes, Hannah Goering, Tony Guagliardo, Charlene Quint, Jeremy Packer, and Nancy Westover

Members Absent: John Skillman

The meeting was held via ZOOM due to poor weather conditions.

Hannah opened the meeting in prayer at approximately 6:40pm. The Board engaged in a time of sharing and prayer for each other and the GCC faith community.

Hannah motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 2023-12-12. Jeremy seconded the motion. All approved by voice vote.

Hannah left the meeting to attend worship rehearsal.

The Board discussed chapter 4 of the book Embodied by Preston Sprinkle. Chris mentioned that the staff and directors will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of this book at the meeting on 1/14.

Charlene entered the meeting. She gave a brief update on the Endowment Committee. She was to coordinate a meeting with Steve Wantoch (Endowment Committee Chair), herself, and Board Treasurer John Skillman and the Endowment manager Mr. Weiss.

Elder goals and the GCC governing principles were briefly discussed. Amy and Tony were to meet in January to finalize the review of the GCC governing documents.

The Board discussed the possibility of naming a potential elder candidate as one elder position on the Board remains open. Discussion was to continue.

Nancy entered the meeting.

The GCC leader's retreat at St. Mary's Retreat Center on 2/9-10 was reviewed. Brian Walter was to lead sessions on contemplative practices. Tony was to send an email to all participants about attendance and rooms/meals needed for registration.

Chris gave an update on church life. Mike Rancharan (worship director) was on paternity leave and all was going well. Chris expressed deep appreciation for Mike's preparation and work.

Chris mentioned the use of funds from cash reserves for special projects/emergencies of the church and expressed the need for congregational approval for any use of undesignated funds outside of the regular yearly budget. The Board agreed. This process was to be reviewed when the Board Treasurer, John Skillman, returned.

Chris was to be on vacation from 1/14-20th.

Chris left the meeting so the Board could discuss the upcoming Senior Pastor Review. Tony led the discussion. He asked if the staff and congregational questionnaires had been sent out to staff and designated church members. Tony encouraged Board members to send the questionnaires out so they can be returned to him by 1/22. The goal was to have the questionnaires in by 2/4 (compiled by 2/13) so they can be discussed by the Board on 2/27 and edited in time for Senior Pastor Chris's review on 3/12. Another Board meeting was to be possibly scheduled for the review.

Charlene closed the meeting in prayer at 8:26pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for 1/23 in the GCC community room.

Gratefully Submitted,
Amy Gibes
Church Secretary