

Gurnee Community Church
Elder Board Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2024
Meeting Room 138

Members Present: Amy Gibes, Hannah Goering, Tony Guagliardo, Jeremy Packer, John Skillman, Chris Stephens, Charlene Quint, Nancy Westover

Hannah opened in prayer at 6:40pm.

The Board engaged in an extended time of prayer for the GCC faith community, the Gurnee area, and various world events.

The meeting minutes from 1/23 were discussed. After a minor change, Charlene moved to approve the minutes. Hannah seconded the motion. All approved by voice vote.

The elder goals were discussed. Amy, John, and Tony had met and were making progress on reviewing the Governing Documents. Other elders reported setting up meeting times to discuss their assigned goals.

The Board discussed the preparations for Pastor Chris's upcoming anniversary of 20 years of senior pastoral ministry with GCC. On Sunday, April 21st, one service at 10 am was being organized to celebrate with the entire GCC faith community. Pastor Chris (and wife Laura) were planning to be in Africa with daughter Thea's family for three weeks, leaving March 25th and returning April 16th.

There was no further Endowment Committee update. Discussion was to continue concerning drafting a process and guidelines for using cash reserves from the endowment fund. John Skillman (Board Treasurer) was to schedule a meeting with Dave Ullrich (Director of Stewardship). Transparency with the congregation concerning spending and funding for various projects was discussed.

Jeremy gave an update from the Director's Meeting on 2/11. The Sunday School classes for junior and high school students with Pastor Stacie Hintz have been well attended. Attendance and financial giving to GCC were back to pre-pandemic levels and even a bit higher. (All thanks to the Lord!).

The Board was to express thanks to Pastor Brian and Pastor Stacie for the wonderful prayer retreat for the staff, directors, and elders held at St. Mary's Retreat Center over the 2/9-2/10 weekend. A card of thanks was to be given to both.

Pastor Brian and Pastor Paul were to design a series of mini prayer retreats for the congregation using the prayer formats from the retreat.

Discussion was held about creating a sacred space for prayer in the GCC church building. Discussion was to continue.

Tony was to be gone for the next meeting on 2/27 due to work commitments. The focus of that meeting was to organize Pastor Chris's yearly review and pastoral affirmation (set for 3/12). Tony was to send to the Board the 30 staff and congregant questionnaire responses which were to be collated and formatted for the review at the 2/27 meeting.

No book discussion was held due to time constraints. Chapters 6, 7, and possibly 8 from Embodied by Preston Sprinkle were to be read for the Board meeting on 3/26.

Nancy closed in prayer at 8:35pm.

In Christ's Service,
Amy Gibes
GCC Church Secretary