

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
May 17, 2016, 6:30 PM

Present: M Garvey, L Shannon, A Khanna, MJ Cross, K Vogel, J Turmelle, KC Senie, Rev. J Morehouse (ex-officio), D Adams (staff)

Absent: S Axthelm

Guests: C Colletti (B&G), R Trefy, C McEvoy, C Onyemelukwe, Chris Seiple, Carol Seiple (NLDC)

M Garvey called the meeting to order at 6:37. J Turmelle gave a centering from N Gaiman (Sandman Vol. 4). Trustees and observers checked in.

No observer comments.

Consent Agenda: A Khanna/MJ Cross moved to accept; passed unanimously.

- April Board minutes- approval
- Request for 2016-17 Operating Fund monies (\$25,000) from Endowment- approval

Other Reports – Informational:

- April Financial dashboard – A Khanna
- Senior Minister report – Rev. J Morehouse

B&G Lift Status: C Colletti presented the Cost & Timeline update. B&G stated that it is still estimating that the project will come in at \$88K, well under its \$93K budget, but that the completion date has moved to September. It was discussed that staff involvement/coordination will increase during the implementation/construction phase. Dan Valentine, as project manager, will coordinate installation with the Senior Minister or his designee.

Chuck asked about passage of a B&G Policy – that will be completed under the new board, after the Annual Meeting.

Draft Budget 2016-17: A Khanna presented the final proposed 2016-17 budget. **K Vogel/MJ Cross moved to approve the budget. Passed unanimously.**

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Vision/Goals Review: The Board has laid the groundwork for Policy Governance over the past year. It has described what its role should be

under Policy Governance and made progress toward making that happen. The Board has done less managing this past year than before and has turned over more implementation to the staff.

K Vogel expressed his hope that the board will view Policy Governance as a vehicle to free them from the day-to-day operation of the congregation, so they can focus on their most impactful work: shaping the bigger direction of the church. Policy governance is not a goal itself, it's an effective means to build a system that maximizes the impact of the staff and the volunteers on the mission and vision of the congregation.

Constitution Revision Update: MJ Cross reported that each proposed Constitutional amendment was passed with out change, and the full revised Constitution was approved unanimously. It will be presented again to the Congregation on June 12 (Annual Meeting) for a ratification vote.

Communications:

Upcoming Soundings articles:

June - Ministry and Governance wrap up.

Upcoming Town Hall schedule:

May 29 - Budget/Finance/Endowment preview

New Business: none

Old Business: B&G Policy & Stewardship Policy draft – will be developed this Summer as part of the Ends Policies the new Board will write.

Executive Session:

M Garvey/L Shannon moved to go into executive session to vote on the Fine award– passed unanimously. After discussion, MJ Cross / K Vogel moved to come out of executive session – passed unanimously.

Process Observation: KC Senie complimented the Board for its focus and respectful engagement in this meeting.

Checkout and assignments:

1. KC Senie will send Thank You notes to the Constitution Revision Task Force, and to Howard Aibel and Tom Croarkin for their service on the Board of Trustees.
2. MJ Cross will send J Turmelle's 5-year Buildings & Grounds

projection to the new Board.

M Garvey presented closing readings from Bradbury (Fahrenheit 51) and from Harry Potter (Professor Dumbledore.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Cross, Board Clerk