

Governing Body Meeting December 12, 2011

In Attendance:

Janet Rundquist
Katy Hawker
Chris Reinhard
Sarah Webster
Nick Gilham
Micah Hawker-Boehnke
Ken Ulmer
Michelle Helms

Not in Attendance:

Lori Winter
Roni Branding
Kelly Archer

Opening

Janet read a snippet of the blog article shared by Katy. The governing body responded.

November Minutes

Sarah Webster moved that the November minutes be approved as written. Micah Hawker-Boehnke seconded the motion. It was approved by the Governing Body.

The Name

Katy shared a member's dislike of the phrase "The Other Evangelical". Another member felt that the announcement of the meeting was confusing. He cautioned that names come and go and that name changes are difficult.

A former associate pastor at EUCC had concerns about the name in 1988. St. Peter's Evangelical removed Evangelical from their name. St. John's in Mehlville added to their name.

Janet mentioned that 2 people felt that it would be costly to change the name. Ken has had about 6 conversations with people who are 40+. They don't understand the reason for the name change.

Michelle Helms received some feedback. One person was surprised that the name was being changed. Another was concerned that the focus on the meeting was that the name is changing, not if it should change.

Janet doesn't feel that the name change is a fix all. We need to focus on getting new people plugged into activities and making friends.

Ken feels that we need to find ways make disciples of new members.

Janet is starting a pilot program to keep the January 2012 new member class connected.

Sarah Webster shared that some medical programs have been successful that focus on accountability groups.

Youth Redecoration Effort

Youth has created some task forces to do fundraising. Chris commended the Youth Group for being so active. The fundraising for redecoration is currently on hold because of other fundraising efforts. The youth is most concerned that they have a space, even if it isn't the 212 building.

Ken feels that we can't guarantee the future of the 212 building. He suggests that we guarantee access to a space somewhere on our property if the 212 building is no longer available. We also guarantee the recoverable property could be moved to the new space.

Motion proposed by Ken:

The future of the 212 building is not firm enough to guarantee youth usage indefinitely. The governing body pledges to save all furnishings and guarantee access to another useable, mutually agreeable space if the 212 building become unavailable.

Ken moved that the motion be voted upon. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Governing Body.

Use of the 212 Building

Katy asked that option 4 & 5 be added to the report since those were options she has heard over the year. She also asked that the impact on the community be included in the report.

Micah opposes option 4 and 5 because the lack of income from option 5. The sell option restricts our options.

Ken will provide 5 spreadsheets - one for each of the options. His analysis will be primarily financial in nature.

We are targeting the midyear meeting for the spreadsheets for the 5 options to be provided. The GB affirmed the direction

2012 Budget

Janet, Katy, and Financial Team will meet on Saturday to discuss the expected income. A subsequent conversation will be held to discuss the expenses. We are currently \$9,395 in the black.

Wynn/Paul M Letter to the Governing Body

We discussed how the staff will keep the office door locked when they are working. The minutes from the facilities team recommended a minimalist approach with a camera and a buzzer.

Micah asked about the idea of a buzzer to allow remote access to the building from the office. Katy mentioned the concern of violence against progressive churches. Janet will send the original letter and the proposals to the Governing Body for review.

Other Business

Music Staffing circle is in progress. We are asking ourselves what do we want from music as a church?

Al Schon has an ordination interview scheduled We need to determine how to call Al. Interim ministry is based on 4 hour units - 3 units per day. We will determine how many hours will be needed.