



EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EUCC Governing Body Meeting – August 21, 2007

Location	Fireside room...then Library
Start time	7:00pm
Attendees	Nick Gilham (Financial) David Faulkner (Worship) Margie West (Worship) Laura Evans (Servant) Patty Pelikan (Community) Debbie Gregg (Community) Bob Risk (Facilities) Katy Hawker Wynn Miller Erik Soell

Opening

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- § Wynn shared the 'Reading Aloud' article from Orion Magazine. <http://www.orionmagazine.org/>
 - § Erik brought milk and cookies.

Bulletin Board

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1. **Financial Team (Nick)**
 - a. Team budgets were distributed; budget season is starting to ramp up.
 2. **Community Team (Debbie / Patty)**
 - a. Trivia night has a new date, 9/22.
 - b. Rally day is 9/9. Also looking into some volunteer appreciation aspect as well.
 - c. Church school begins on 9/16.
 - d. Currently working on curriculum planning, room cleaning, reaching out to Ministry Circles.
 - e. Youth Fellowship is meeting every Sunday at 6pm.
 3. **Facilities (Bob)**
 - a. New doors are in progress; some glass was broken and is being re-worked now.
 - b. A tree in front that we thought belonged to the YMCA may belong to us; we have been cited by the city and are getting bids now to remove it.
 4. **Secretariat (Erik)**
 - a. Approval of July Meeting minutes, with update that Bob was present at the meeting.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM** – the minutes need to be updated.
 - ii. *That update has been made.*
 - b. Discussion of Special Gifts meeting, and request that Governing Body member attend those meetings. Nick will communicate with them and be a liaison between the two groups. There is also discussion of combining the Memorial Funds and Special Gifts groups into a single Task Circle.
 - c. The Communication Primer was shared, and notes were made to add in audio/visual options (movies that play in the Narthex as an example) and e-mail, of which it was estimated that 75% of the congregation has. A point was made that some people still prefer a phone call.
 5. **President (Wynn)**



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- a. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 8/22, to discuss some of the yet-defined roles and titles in the Shared Ministry structure, including President and Secretariat.
 - b. The Capital Campaign is looking to meet up soon, even with Warren's long absence (retirement vacation); the hope is to start to schedule architect interviews soon.
- 6. Servant (Laura)**
- a. The monthly menu is not getting out anymore, even though by design it does change monthly. Katy was not sure where it was either, so Laura is going to try to find it and re-share it with Katy and Leslie.
 - b. Laura also shared that they are looking to create more focused 'campaigns,' such as 'bring a can of soup' which might help the congregation more easily remember to bring something in.
- 7. Worship (Margie / David)**
- a. Questions were raised about the coffee hour expectations, and a few people shared what they have done so far (generally chat with people, present a poster with associated circles).
 - i. **ACTION ITEM** – As an outgoing Worship Team member, Erik is going to meet with Margie and David to share his thoughts and perspectives.
 - ii. *We did meet briefly after the meeting.*
- 8. Pastoral Care (Katy)**
- a. Shared the details of Ahme Quist plans, which are also detailed in a church-wide e-mail sent on 8/21.
 - b. Katy shared additional information on Graham, our night visitor. Church staff are understandably concerned, but he does not appear to show any outward negative behaviors. He has not kept appointments with community services, and we have had to call Webster Groves Police a couple of times. A comment was shared by Wynn that we do need to be aware of potential property damage that could occur with him smoking in the church; Bob also raised a point that the Sts. Claire and Francis services on Saturday night are open to the public, and he could be entering that way as well.
 - c. Katy asked for prayers for Graham Vogler and family. Graham's family is moving to a ranch home and Katy will let us know when so that we might organize food, movers, etc. to help out.

Wash Board

- 1. Retreat**
- a. Wynn shared some history on past retreats, and suggested that we might consider a different approach: quarterly Saturday morning retreats placed throughout the year. This would allow our weeknight meetings to focus on fellowship together and church business, and give us some space between the retreat meetings where we will expand on that fellowship and focus on long-term planning. Wynn also shared that we have an option to invite others in, as well, including any 'group' in our church (seniors, youth, young families, etc.) A comment was made that we'll need to be disciplined about setting aside time for 'visioning,' and another comment was made that we should keep in the fellowship aspects of past retreats (getting to know one another better).
 - b. Pre-work for the retreat is for each team to reach out to their circles and check in with them and consider some assessment element, as this will be discussed at the retreat.
 - c. Our first retreat will be Saturday morning of 9/22, 8am to 12pm.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM** – Erik will send out a meeting invitation.



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- d. A September Retreat Circle is going to come together in the next few weeks to hammer out the details for our retreat.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM** – Erik and Wynn to set up meeting.

2. Meetings ahead

- a. We are looking out for the next few months, and settled on these dates for meeting.
 - i. September – Quarterly retreat on Saturday, 9/22.
 - ii. October 17
 - iii. November 14
 - iv. December 12
 - v. January – Quarterly retreat, date not yet set
 - vi. We also are adding an off-cycle meeting in November, should we need it for some visioning work. We can decide at the October meeting if we need it. This meeting is potentially set for Nov 10.
 1. **ACTION ITEM** – Erik will set up meeting invitations.

3. Governing Body Name

- a. It has been discussed in the past that we need to consider if Governing Body is the best representation for our group. As Marilyn Stavenger shared with us at the inaugural Governing Body retreat, Governing Body may not be the most appropriate or descriptive.
- b. A potential new name is TLC, for Team Leaders Circle. We'll plan to discuss this at the September retreat.

4. Facilities add on topic

- a. It was noted that we were talking about updating rooms, when it was suggested (outside of this meeting) that we find out how the rooms are being used. Therefore, we are going to post clipboards outside each room for four weeks to monitor their use. We can then determine what updates need to be made and how we can address the user's needs. It was also pointed out that we need to be aware of storage needs in each room too (as the Quilt group stores their supplies in one room, but actually works in another).

Closing

§ The meeting was closed in prayer by Katy.