



EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EUCC Governing Body Meeting – December 5, 2007

Location	EUCC, Fireside Room	
Start time	7:00 pm	
Attendees	Nick Gilham (Financial) Margie West (Worship) David Faulkner (Worship) Debbie Gregg (Community) Laura Bardelmeier (People) Laura Evans (Servant) Sean Bryant (Servant) Patty Pelikan (Community) Bob Risk (Facilities) Katy Hawker Wynn Miller Erik Soell	<i>Not in attendance:</i> Lora Whitten (Student Pastor)

Opening

- § Patty brought snacks.
- § Katy opened with a reading from “I want a magical Christmas.”

11/17/07 Meeting Minutes

- § The meeting minutes from 11/17 were reviewed and approved.
- § Bob dug ‘em, too.

Wiki Review

- § Discussion was held on how to distribute this information.
- § While teams should still consider all of the other communication channels that we have (weekly News and Notes, bulletin boards, weekly bulletin, web site), Leslie will start with the January 2008 Wiki entry and make a .pdf of our contributions and share those with the congregation per our normal procedures.
 - those who have e-mail will get this e-mailed as part of a weekly News and Notes note,
 - those without e-mail will get a mailing, and
 - copies will be provided by the church office.
- § The Servant Team is looking at the Narthex protocol.
- § The Facilities Team is looking at an overall facilities-use protocol.

Annual Meeting

- § The meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2008.
 - There was some discussion about the possible weather scenarios of winter in St. Louis, but good news...the Farmers Almanac shows Jan 26-31 as sunny and mild.
 - § <http://www.almanac.com/weatherforecast/us/10>



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- § The purpose for meeting was discussed: this meeting is mandated by our by laws to approve the budget, it's an opportunity for church members to ask questions of the elected leadership, it reminds us that we are one larger community, and it facilitates a consistent message.
- § There was much discussion on the time of the meeting, and it was shared that a meeting between services (at 10AM) allows us to keep the services as they are and also gives some parameters for a start/end time.
- § Agenda to include:
 - Review of Annual Report (2007)
 - Budget review and approval
 - Capital Campaign Presentation
 - Youth minister position
 - Parish nurse
- § **§ TO DO – Please let Wynn know of any other agenda items.**
- § We also discussed eventually moving our fiscal year to July, to allow us to use the July meeting for both new Governing Body members and fiscal approval.
 - **TO DO – The Financial Team is going to review pros/cons of such a move and report back to the GB.**
- § Discussion of how to get questions was raised, and one option suggested was to ask for questions ahead of time (in addition to opening the floor to questions during the meeting).
 - **TO DO – I'm not sure what was decided here, so this might be a topic for our next meeting.**

Annual Report

- § Katy shared that we need to add in membership statistics, new members, and births to this year's report.
- § The purpose of the report was discussed: is it to provide a snapshot of the year? To reflect on the year? To celebrate our work so far? To plan for the year ahead?
- § We are going to keep the Budget section separate.
- § We are going to add in a Governing Body / President report from Wynn.
- § The Teams are welcome to ask their specific circles for input.
 - **TO DO – Wynn, Katy and Erik to work on the template for the 2007 report.**
- § Timeline:
 - Each teams report is due to Erik by January 6 (or sooner).
 - Leslie will correlate, label and we'll place in the Narthex (labeled by family name, just like the envelopes) by Friday, January 11.
 - Those who might not come to church will have their report mailed home.
- § **§ TO DO – Katy will write a short note about this process for an early January News and Notes.**

Youth Position

- § Debbie shared that the Community Team is working on a job description with the People Team.
- § The Governing Body all agreed that we are committed to this and a formal vote was held, approving this position for 2008.



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Next Governing Body Meeting

- § A meeting was on calendars for January 12, but there were some conflicts, so our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9 at 7pm at EUCC.
 - Bob is on for the Introduction, and Wynn is going to handle the snack.
- § Wynn has confirmed that Eden can host us on February 9, and per the meeting, I will still query the GB members to see what dates work best for everyone: Feb 2, Feb 9 or Feb 23.
 - If it turns out that Eden cannot host us, we'll meet at EUCC.
 - **To Do – Erik to pose question via Wiki**

Parish Nurse Ministry

- § Wynn shared that a formal contract is in place and that a candidate is close to being selected, and that it outlines the following:
 - 20 hours per week, split between Eden and EUCC
 - Responsibilities include:
 - § Health screenings
 - § Articles / Bulletin board updates
 - Travel expenses are covered and this person will have access to Leslie.

GB Name

- § We did not have time to discuss this further, so we'll continue to consider it via the Wiki.

Good news

- § David shared that he has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent for Brentwood.
 - <http://www.brentwood.k12.mo.us/> (scroll down for a great story on David)
- § Katy shared that Winnie is celebrated her 16th birthday in Chicago the weekend of Dec 8-9.
- § Nick shared that he has been accepted into Washington University's Professional MBA program.
- § Erik shared that baby #4 is on the way, May 2008.

Closing

- § The next meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 7:00pm.
- § The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Katy.