



# EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EUCC Governing Body Meeting – February 9, 2008

<b>Location</b>	Eden	
<b>Start time</b>	8:00 am	
<b>Attendees</b>	Katy Hawker Nick Gilham (Financial) Margie West (Worship) Laura Evans (Servant) Sean Bryant (Servant) Patty Pelikan (Community) Bob Risk (Facilities) Laura Bardelmeier (People) Wynn Miller Erik Soell	<i>Not in attendance:</i> Lora Whitten (Student Pastor) Debbie Gregg (Community) David Faulkner (Worship)

### Opening

- § Wynn shared a poem from the book, "Teaching with Fire."
  - *There But For The Grace* by Leslie Woodward

### Parish Nurse

- § Lisa Von Stamwitz introduced herself to the Governing Body and shared some background on her, her work with Eden/EUCC and her goals during her time with us.
- § Lisa will work 15 hours per week at EUCC through May:
  - 12pm – 5pm on Mondays
  - 2pm – 5pm on Thursdays
  - 8:30am – 1:30pm on Sundays
  - Plus hours at Eden
- § We do need to determine how Lisa will report a status of her work to the Governing Body, be that through Katy, through the People Team, or through another venue.
- § This grant ends in November 2009, but Deaconess may continue to support it through a "New Parish Nurse" program.

### Worship Team

- § Margie shared that they are working on a request for liturgists, and preparing for the Lent season. There was also a discussion about low attendance during Lent services.

### People

- § Laura shared that they are following up with members after the survey.
- § A new member coffee hour will be held on Sunday, March 2.
- § The People Team continues to add data to the member database.
- § The "Safe Church" circle is being formed, with plans to share more with the GB by June, in preparation for the July congregational meeting.

### Facilities

- § Bob shared that they are meeting on 2/10 to set 2008 goals.



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### Servant

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- § Sean shared that they are meeting on 2/24 to discuss the Pentecost campaign, mission moments and Pridefest.

### Training

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- § Katy shared that she and Laura will be attending a UCC Vitality Training session in Cleveland on Feb 15-16.

### Community

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- § Patty shared that they met on January 30 to focus on Fellowship Circles and are meeting on February 20 to focus on Christian Education circles.
- § Patty wondered about adding a second Convener, and said that a recommendation would come to the GB at a future meeting.

### Financial

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- § Nick shared that he is looking for a CPA to audit our books, and that giving statements went out to the congregation.

### Annual Meeting

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- § Edits to the Annual Meeting minutes were discussed, and an edited version will be provided to Leslie for sharing with the congregation (via News and Notes and mail and printed copies).

### Signage

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- § Bob shared an update on external signage; while much discussion ensued around content of the sign (address? marketing? logo?), and the cost of the sign and the Capital Campaign work, Bob is going to investigate our options for our current sign.

### Youth Minister

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- § The group discussed the Director of Youth Ministry position and the Educational Program Director position. A question was raised if we need a Learning Team, which might be comprised of some circles that already exist, and include some new circles. We put this on hold while we discussed the big picture questions provided by Laura Bardelmeier.

### Article

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- § Wynn shared an article that he asked that we read for the next meeting.
- *Ten Assumptions of Appreciative Inquiry* by Mark Lau Branson
  - <http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=3674>



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### **Big Picture Questions**

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- § Our discussion covered many angles on these questions, including:
- Marketing – how can we be more invitational with our community, and broaden the circle?
  - The rainbow fish is ours; this is a source of pride for us. What about a Rainbow / Darwin fish?
  - Parades – why don't we participate in the MLK, Pridefest, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade?
  - What about a speaker series, including civic leaders, Eden leaders and others, held quarterly or yearly?

### **Closing**

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- § Katy ended our meeting with prayer.
- § Next meeting to be determined.