



EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EUCC Governing Body Meeting – November 17, 2007

Location	EUCC, Library Room	
Start time	7:45am	
Attendees	Nick Gilham (Financial) Margie West (Worship) Debbie Gregg (Community) Laura Bardelmeier (People) Laura Evans (Servant) Patty Pelikan (Community) Katy Hawker Lora Whitten (Student Pastor) Wynn Miller Erik Soell	<i>Not in attendance:</i> <i>Bob Risk (Facilities)</i> <i>David Faulkner (Worship)</i> <i>Sean Bryant (Servant)</i>

Opening

- § Laura Evans, Debbie and Katy brought snacks and coffee.
- § Wynn opened with a quote from the Cormac McCarthy book, "The Road."
 - "Goodness will find that little boy. It has before and it will again."
- § Wynn also shared three select stories from an article from the Post-Dispatch, *Top 10 Stories You Probably Missed*. This article (along with a link to the article online) can be found on page four of these minutes.
- § Wynn shared that the Saturday morning meetings seem to have been going well, and that we have reserved January 12 at Eden for our next Quarterly off-site.

Wiki Review

- § Using the Wiki site to record items from each of the teams seemed to be a good practice for this meeting, and it was agreed that we would set up a similar site for the December meeting.
 - Erik has set up the Wiki for the December meeting.
 - Available from <http://eucc.pbwiki.com/>
 - § Password is **ona**
- § A question was raised on how (and how much of this) we can share this information with the congregation. One option shared was to review them and edit (as necessary) and print for the Narthex.
 - **Action: Let's discuss this at the December meeting.**

Endowments

- § Wynn shared that changes in some state laws might allow us to review how we handle endowments. Wynn plans to share more with the GB at the January 2008 meeting, and will work with Nick before then.



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EUCC Presence at Missouri Mid-South Conference Meetings

- § Lolly Wehrli joined us to share her thoughts on EUCC's presence at Missouri Conference meetings.
- § Lolly attended the October 2007 meeting and shared that there was no one there from EUCC to vote. As a UCC church, we do get two (2) delegates who can attend each meeting, and she encouraged us to have a presence at such meetings in the future.
- § Katy and others shared the basic structure of Missouri Conference, along with the three associations.
 - <http://www.mmsucc.org/>
- § It was also shared that there is a bi-monthly publication of *The Courier*, which is sent to the church.
 - <http://www.mmsucc.org/communication/courier.asp>
- § The St. Louis Association (one of three) has meetings twice a year (typically April and September) and we shared that the Servant Team has a circle for this, but no delegates assigned right now.
 - **Action: The Servant Team is going to take this from here, reporting back as needed.**

Appreciative Inquiry

- § Wynn has shared an article on Appreciate Inquiry with all GB members, to help frame future planning.

Survey

- § Laura Bardelmeier shared that we had a good response to the Survey, and shared copies of key elements for the GB to review.
- § We discussed whether we should continue this practice in the future (online surveys) and what other tools we can consider.
- § Team Leaders need to connect with interested people (however people are most comfortable: e-mail, phone, at church, etc.).
- § Laura Bardelmeier is going to report back to the congregation via a News and Notes article, and additional information can be shared at the January 2008 bi-annual meeting.

GB Name

- § As we've discussed over past meetings, the Governing Body name still appears to confuse some, while appearing appropriate to others. We captured the following terms, and it was suggested that we add this item to the Wiki for more online brainstorming and tinkering.
 - *Governing circle*
 - *Governing team*
 - *Covenant*
 - *Pavilion with a table under it*
 - *Responsibility*
 - *Authority*
 - *Synergy*
 - *Table*
 - *Deciders*
 - *Planning*
 - *Body*
 - *Shared Ministry*

- § The Wiki page has been updated with the above information for everyone to play with.



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Youth Covenant

- § Debbie Gregg shared a report out from the meeting, and shared that the Wiki (for this meeting) had an update.
- § It was shared that EUCC has had multiple models for our youth programs in the past, and that it has been inconsistent.
- § There appeared to be agreement that we need to add a position (or re-define current positions) to meet the needs of our youth, either as a Youth Minister, or Youth Coordinator or Youth <title to be determined>.
- § It was shared that we should consider current staff, to see if there the roles we need match up with the skill sets and interests of current staff.
- § We need to consider the funding for such a position as well, and Katy shared that for the short-term, we could consider compensation (with additional expectations) our current youth leaders. For long-term, we need to create a 'thoughtfully defined position for youth (grades 6-12).'

Circle of Care

- § As we look to the survey feedback and current needs in the congregation, it was shared that we could open up the Circle of Care to more than just babies and funerals. It was shared that we have members and family of members who are in the military or in the Peace Corps, and we have new members / visitors who need to be considered.
 - **Action: The Community Team is taking the lead on this.**

Protocols

- § A question was raised about who sells what in the Narthex, and who approves that? It does come down to what do we (as a congregation) support.
 - **Action: Servant Team will take the lead on defining a protocol for sales in the Narthex.**

External Signage

- § Lora Whitten is working on an external sign right now, and shared that we have a few options, including removing our current (stone) sign. Lora, Debbie Gregg and Bob are working on this now.

Budget

- § Nick shared the most current budget, and questions were asked and answered.

Closing

- § The next meeting is Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:00pm.
- § The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Katy.



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Top 10 stories you probably missed

By Douglas E. Abrams

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/editorialcommentary/story/949F01E790AB12FE862573930000F4F0?OpenDocument>

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In 1984, an opponent's stick caught 16-year-old Long Island hockey player Bryan Pleines under his helmet as he skated after the puck. Bryan lost consciousness in the locker room and died two days later. He had played on my team the year before, and his death stunned the town.

"Maybe now," a father whispered at Bryan's wake, "I should stop yelling 'kill 'em' from the stands."

He missed the point: Why would anyone ever yell "kill 'em " at athletes they respect as competitors?

It took a crisis to get this disruptive father to focus on respect in youth sports. The players and parents in my third annual "top 10" youth sports stories are different. Crisis brought out the best in these heroes this year, but it's a fair bet that respect already was guiding their competitive spirit. Their respect for teammates and opponents, for coaches and officials — indeed, for the game itself — did not diminish their desire to win. If anything, the quality of their character enhanced it.

10. As Coon Rapids (Minn.) faced Lubbock (Texas) in the Little League World Series, the mother of Coon Rapids infielder Pete Anderson remained home battling brain cancer. Before the game, both teams gathered in center field and shared a prayer for her. (Lubbock won, 6-0.)

9. The Kellenberg (N.Y.) High School boys basketball team registered a 60-37 victory over Roosevelt High School, whose athletic teams continue to exist only thanks to private donors who stepped up in the wake of severe school district budget cuts. After the game, Kellenberg coach Jack McCutcheon handed his Roosevelt counterpart a check for \$1,000 that had been contributed by Kellenberg's players and coaches.

8. Kevin Warren of Glenville, N.Y., won the Positive Coaching Alliance's Double-Goal Coach Award for teaching life skills to the young players on his community teams. A week later, the Warrens' home burned to the ground and destroyed most of their belongings. More than 100 families in the area — including those of his various teams, as well as opposing teams — donated food, clothing and a temporary home for them.

7. Luke Seibert of Portland, Texas, won \$30,000 for showing his two champion steers in a local competition. He gave one-third of the prize to the family of a high school football teammate, Matthew Claudio, who was hospitalized and in a medically induced coma to allow his body to better fight infections and pneumonia. A few weeks later, Matthew had begun his recovery and returned home.

6. Umpire Billy Reynolds collapsed during an Akron, Ohio, youth baseball tournament. Parents administered CPR and called 911 while both teams' players and fans joined hands in a long line to guide ambulances from the road to the field. Paramedics had to revive him several times, but he survived.

5. After Aberdeen (S.D.) Central High School running back Derek Johnson suffered serious leg injuries from an early-season tackle, high school football teams across the state raised thousands of dollars to help his family pay for the multiple surgeries he required. Randy Marso, athletic director at rival Brandon Valley, called the state's teams "a big extended family" and obligated to "take care of the people you compete with."

4. When 12-year-old pitcher Anthony Burruto of Orlando (Fla.) homered over the left-field fence in a Little League game, both teams cheered and the opposing third baseman high-fived him as he trotted toward home plate. Opposing team members and their parents do that all the time for Anthony, who wears prosthetics because birth defects required amputation of both legs at the knees when he was an infant.

3. Gregg Petrocelli, head coach of the Elmont (N.Y.) High School girls basketball team, collapsed and died during a playoff game against Hicksville High School. When the game resumed three nights later, both teams wore T-shirts



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with the popular coach's photo and joined hands at center court as the crowd cheered the gesture. After Hicksville's 60-57 victory, the teams hugged, and Hicksville co-captain Michelle Kurowski assured the defeated squad that "things will be OK."

2. With 20 seconds remaining, the Everett (Mass.) High School boys basketball team held a 70-67 lead over Peabody High School. A fouled Everett player could not go to the free throw line, so coach John DiBiaso summoned reserve guard Sean Cronk, who doubled as the team's scorekeeper. Sean made both free throws, and Everett went on to win the game — and the league title. As his teammates carried Sean from the court on their shoulders, it was clear that Sean had triumphed over his cerebral palsy.

1. Germantown (Pa.) High School shot-putters Jerome Plant, Dwyne Hall and Sharrod Graham were competing against West Philadelphia's Kyle Young when an elderly woman screamed for help from her burning home nearby. The four athletes scaled an 8-foot fence, raced together into the home through the smoke and rescued the woman before firefighters arrived. The four then returned to the track meet and resumed their competition — with even greater mutual respect as athletes and citizens.

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