

**EUCC Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2009**

Members present: Laura Bardelmeier, Ken Ulmer, Lori Winter, Patty Pelikan, Laura Evans, Lil Lau, Janet Rundquist, Ruth Panhorst, Wynn Miller, Paul Mack. Not able to be present: Debbie Gregg, Katy Hawker

**\*\* Opened with brief centering time and a short reading**

**\*\* Introductions and welcome of new GB members**

**\*\* New meeting time and meeting duration: begin at 6:30 pm and adjourn by 8:00 pm**

**\*\* July meeting minutes were approved**

**\*\* Each GB member was invited to share blessings from the past year and hopes for the coming one**

**Blessings**

**Community-Patty, Janet**  
gratitude; elders' tea and insights gained;  
fellowship at team meetings

**Learning –Ruth**  
excited about engaging new people on a new team;  
making plans for the future

**Servant- Lori, Laura E**  
internal discussion, even including conflict, leads to  
new ideas and improved outcomes

**Finance-Ken**  
establish “reality budgeting”; educate the congregation  
about finances; the spirit of the GB has been a big help in  
the present financial crisis; compassion is evident

**Facilities- Wynn**  
how church members rallied to the aid of the  
financial need

**Presidency-Laura B.**  
many changes; transformation;  
deeper connections among people

**Hopes**

find new ways to reach out;  
develop better communication; involve  
more of the congregation in the teams

would like to see one finite, visible  
activity within the next year, as related  
to the future of the building

build communication; expand the  
welcoming effort; stabilize growth of the  
congregation within the next three years,  
to avoid another financial crisis; seek to  
blend servant and community team work

be able to provide timely financial info  
to the GB; also, three specific hopes  
(1) create a year-round, rather than monthly  
stewardship focus; (2) tell the  
“good news” of what is accomplished with  
The money that comes in; (3) create a  
planned giving program

define new terms (pastoral, program) for  
greater transparency; gain traction for EUCC  
in the community [visibility]; evaluate, fine-  
tune governance; due to Cap Campaign,  
facilities team's work is  
“on hold”; what does the church of the 21<sup>st</sup>  
century look like?

transfer authority to teams and circles  
to make their own decisions, and involve  
more people

**Worship-Lil**

honored the affirmation from our church members when Katy shared her journey [no one left]

work closely with Donita and Katy

**Secretariat-Paul**

work collaboratively with the GB

**\*\* Budget Calendar discussion**

Following discussion by all GB members regarding present vs. proposed budget calendar, the following conclusion was reached and approved by consensus:

- the budget will be linked with long-term goals
- the GB will meet in September to establish long-term goals
- goals will be communicated to teams, which need to return budget requests to the GB by October
- program budget needs will be published in October and rolled out in adult ed. sessions
- launch the Church budget campaign in November

**\*\* Discussion of “Special Gifts” and Restricted / Unrestricted, Designated funds**

Ken will offer a Finance 101 to GB members on September 6 between church services. Once GB members understand how these terms are used or misused in our church, a congregational discussion can be facilitated to clarify terms and, with permission of donors, potentially put some funds to use

A motion was made and seconded to not aggregate funds, until a congregational discussion can be held

**\*\* Calendar of meetings and Retreats**

**Monthly Meetings @ EUCC**

**Quarterly Retreats @ Eden?**

Tuesday, August 18

Saturday, September 12

Wednesday, October 14  
Wednesday, November 11

Saturday, December 12

Tuesday, January 19  
Tuesday, February 16

Saturday, March 6

Tuesday, April 20  
Tuesday, May 18

Saturday, June 5

\*\* September retreat, food to be provided by Patty, Janet, Lil  
Opening will be provided by Janet

\*\* GB August meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.RE

Respectfully submitted by Paul Mack  
August 20, 2009