

EUCC Congregational Meeting – July 11, 2010

- 9:55 am Call to order / 69 members present (quorum achieved) / February 7, 2010 congregational meeting minutes offered for approval, unanimously approved.
- 10:00 Rev. Katy Hawker addressed issue of Growing / Provided the context of the Emerging Church vs. the Existing Church / Shared statistics of UCC churches in a 4-mile radius of EUCC, noting that in the period 1999-2009, EUCC experienced a slight decline in worship attendance accompanied by an increase in membership / Referred to Governing Body conduct of a SWOT analysis / Noted the success of a capital campaign even in hard economic times / Observed that EUCC seems to be able to do any combination of two but not all three of mission, building and program / Ended with view that EUCC can do nothing or grow our membership, and that young people [in their 20s] want a church that is spiritual but not religious.
- 10:05 Gary Boehnke and Doug Cormack addressed the issue of Building /Sought questions regarding the building program, but none were posed / acknowledged that though accessibility was high on the original building wish list, other more structural things needed to happen first / proposed a transition circle, as part of the Facilities Team, to carry on the building program into its next phase / Proposed a *motion* for continuance of the building program, seeking congregational approval to apply for a grant from the Rott Foundation:
- "The EUCC Phase I Building Committee moves that the members of the EUCC authorize the acceptance of a \$15,000 unsecured, interest free loan from the Rott Foundation with no payments due until March 15, 2014 with the understanding that if the church has undertaken the construction proposed in the grant application, the (Rott) Trustees would consider the church's request to make a grant of the same amount, thereby effectively terminating the loan."*
- Doug Cormack made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob Risk. Discussion: Questions about when money would be received and who will do the study for the second phase? Money anticipated in fall and a new architect will be hired. Motion approved by voice vote with one abstention.
- Building committee was recognized for its work on Phase I.
- 10:15 Laura Bardelmeier recapped Long-Term Facilities motion approved at the February annual meeting, and addressed future use of the two buildings (Church and the Still Speaking Center [212]) / Also that the Governing Body SWOT analysis affirmed growth from 400 to 600 members.
- "The governing body began with the expected future needs of the space. To do this, we needed to look holistically at where we would like to be in 2020. We began with an evaluation of our current vision and long-term goals by completing the SWOT analysis. The focus of this analysis was to gain a better understanding of how our congregation can relate to its external environment.*
- "The governing body affirmed a long-term goal to grow our membership from 400 to 600 members while sustaining our current programs, facilities, and outreach.*
- "In June we expanded our scheduled governing body retreat to include the shared ministry teams. We called this our shared ministry workday. We had approximately 30 members in attendance. The teams began the planning process for intentional growth of our membership. This planning as it relates to facilities included:*
- § Design a plan for additional staff office areas
  - § Evaluate needs and possibilities for small and medium group meeting space and prepare quarterly report for staff and program teams with current space utilization and recommend areas for expansion.
  - § Research and develop a plan to accommodate for the needs for a worship space for 300 participants (i.e., assess alternative space for worship – virtual, off campus, etc.; explore new worship venue and time.

"We now have more clarity of our long-term goals, which will provide direction for our short-term goals in regards to our facility. These short-term goals include the following:

- \* compile data from phase 1 and previous studies
- \* facilitate a plan usage study and develop a plan
- \* transition phase I to phase II
- \* perform an accessibility study
- \* update the master plan

"In August we will gather the various stakeholders to determine and assign specific responsibilities for these goals."

10:20 Wynn Miller addressed Wellness Advisory Group's work to date: (1) Invited Team leaders to meet to see how a Parish Nurse (PN) would impact each Team's work; (2) noted the focus of the WAG effort is to serve our church's needs first; (3) financing commitment must come from the congregation, though the Governing Body approved the WAG to move forward, with staffing to be configured through the People Team; (4) WAG work will be disseminated through adult education program.

10:25 Debbie Gregg presented the proposed slate of Governing Body officers:  
Continuing: Ken Ulmer, Finance Team; Ruth Panhorst, Learning Team; Patty Pelikan, Community Team; Lori Winter, Servant Team / New: Janet Rundquist, President; Mickey Clarke, Secretariat (one year); Paul Mack, People Team ; Lil Lau, Facilities Team; Roni Branding, Worship Team (one year); Treasure Williams, Servant Team Convener; Kelly Archer, Community Team Convener; Erin Schroeder, Youth Representative.  
Debbie Gregg moved and Dee Ban seconded approval. Unanimously approved.  
Outgoing GB members honored: Laura Bardelmeier, Wynn Miller, Debbie Gregg.

10:30 Move to adjourn by Earl Brown, seconded by Ray Mulligan

Submitted by Paul Mack, Secretariat (retired)  
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