



EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EUCC Governing Body Meeting – February 25, 2010

Attendees:

Ken Ulmer, Wynn Miller, Debbie Gregg, Patty Pelikan, Lori Winter, Laura Evans, Lil Lau, Katy Hawker

Not present: Laura Bardelmeier, Paul Mack, Ruth Panhorst

Discussion of pew disposition

Paul Vasterling discussed concerns regarding the removal and disposition of the pews. The attached includes the information provided by Paul.

After Paul's input, the Governing Body discussed background on the pews as well as next steps. The Worship Team and Facilities Team have had a number of discussions over the past few years on the pews. It had been determined that the pews in the Chancel and in the front of the sanctuary were not accommodating to the needs of the congregation in both worship services and other gatherings as a whole. In addition, continued temporary removal of the pews in the Chancel had been a very difficult task due to the weight of the pews and related facility factors.

The long term direction determined for the Chancel was to keep the chairs in place as well as in the front of the sanctuary. For next steps, the Governing Body concurred with keeping the pews in place in the Narthex and just outside the Fellowship Hall. In addition, the Chancel pew furniture: the short pews, pulpit lectern and railings, and panels will be kept in storage due to their historical significance. The Facilities team will proceed with the process to donate the remaining long pews.

Patty Pelikan and Laura Evans, after touching base with Laura Bardelmeier, will follow-up with Paul and with the Chancel choir with an update on the next steps for the pews.

Update From Building Committee

Gary Boehnke and Doug Cormac provided an update on the Phase 1 construction. The estimated time frame for the start of construction is mid April. More will be known once the contract is signed.

It was found that the electric service comes into the storage closet at the entrance. For the new electrical service into the building from Plant Ave, cable will need to be buried. Trenching will therefore be needed in the vicinity of the Memorial Garden, but it would not go through the Memorial Garden. The Building Committee will provide a courtesy contact to those families who may have been involved with the Memorial Garden. Katy will research who would be affected.

The Building Committee provided a handout, attached, with recommendations for the future.

One of the recommendations ties to the attached motion for a EUCC Capital Reserve Account; for equipment and facilities expenditures over \$10,000. In addition, it was clarified as part of motion that any funds not spend in a given year would continue to be carried over to the next year's budget. It was also discussed that the GB could vote on this, as budget line item changes would not require a congregational vote. The Governing Body planned to table the discussion on this motion for the retreat /next GB meeting.



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Wellness Initiative

Wynn Miller presented on behalf of the Wellness Committee the next proposed steps for the Wellness Initiative(per the attachment) pending the concurrence of the Governing Body. It would provide an opportunity for outreach within the congregation and out to the community. Deaconess parish nursing would handle the hiring and related administrative items.

Below is a table to supplement the attached information on the projected sources of funding:

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Individual Support	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Grant Money	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
EUCC Operating Budget	\$0	\$5,000	\$7,500
Total per year:	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$42,500

Lil moved that a motion be made to “go forward with the wellness initiative as presented”. Lori seconded the motion; all GB members voted in favor and approved the motion. The Wellness Committee will proceed with the next steps in their planning and to bring this to the congregation for their vote.

January Meeting Minutes

The approval of the January meeting minutes were tabled to the next meeting to allow for all GB members to review the minutes.

Reflection on the Congregational Meeting

The GB decided to move the discussion to the March 6th GB retreat at the 212 Building when all members can be present. Topics that were mentioned for this discussion: how the 212 conversation may point to questions on where we want to go as a congregation; a look at our circle structure and a possible need to examine if it is working in the planning then doing model originally intended; and working through diversity and disagreements through a constructive process.

Motion for UCH Student in Care Fund (Greer) and UCF Sharon Harkins Fund

A motion, retroactive to January 1, 2010, was moved by Ken as follows:

“The Governing Body authorizes the Finance Team to convert the mode of investment for the UCH Student in Care Fund (Greer) and the UCF Sharon Harkins Fund to a total return approach, effective January 1, 2010. The EUCC Foundation Trustees are requested by the Governing Body to serve as caretakers of these assets on behalf of the Congregation and provide quarterly reports to the Governing Body on activity of these accounts. The ownership of the Greer and Harkins assets will remain with the



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Congregation. “

Lori seconded the motion; all GB members voted in favor and approved the motion.

Housing Allowance Motion

Attached is the motion to designate the portion of Katy's compensation as housing allowance for 2010. In addition is a sample worksheet for Katy to present to the GB for designation of the housing allowance.

Laura moved to “Adopt the housing allowance for 2010 to reflect the tax laws” (as stated in the motion). Lil seconded the motion; all GB members voted in favor and approved the motion.

*It was determined post meeting that the housing allowance cannot be established retroactively, with a recommendation that the December 12th meeting minutes be amended by adding this motion. The housing allowance has been effective since the 1/15/10 pay period.

Next meeting

The next meeting is the GB retreat scheduled for March 6th at 8am in the 212 Building. The 212 Building will be blessed at this retreat.

Attachments available in hard copy in GB Secretariat binder:

Building Committee report /
Harkins motion /
Housing Allowance Motion /
Pastor's Report