

JOINT BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday February 7, 2017

Board members present

Jean Pierce, President
Nancy Christensen 1st VP
Eric Jonke 2nd VP
Brian Doyle Director
Pat Vary, Secretary
Bob Swanson, Treasurer
David Moore, Director
Gail Tattersfield, Director
Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, ex officio
Christine Imielski, Congregational Administrator ex officio

Council members present

Jamie Carroll
Kevin Beyer
Jim Frazier
George Tattersfield
Glenda Peck
Jeff Stibal
Pat Ward
Bill Koehl
Kevin O'Neill

Absent:

Kathy Cornell, Director
Scott Talbot Lewis, Assistant Minister, ex officio

Others Present:

Sherri Casterline
Neill Shanahan
Jan Miller

Before the meeting, Sherri Casterline and George Tattersfield showed the carpet samples for the sanctuary that they had selected.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the lighting of the chalice.

Board President Jean Pierce presented a "Sharing Respectful Communication Matrix" and a statement about MOM that will be shared with the congregation. New board director Brian Doyle said that he has a "Toolkit of Civil Communications" that he would be glad to also share with the Board.

Glenda Peck said that if anyone has a problem with staff or the ministry team

they are urged to bring it to MOM (Ministry on Ministries) sooner rather than later so that they can make sure the problem is resolved quickly. There will be a new display on a bulletin board with all MOM members and their pictures. Bev Coe is the convener of MOM. Glenda Peck urged team leaders to share the information with their teams to remind people of this ministry.

Gail Tattersfield suggested that for better communication, the members and responsibilities of a team could be featured each month in the Pioneer and/or on a bulletin board.

Council Survey: Jean Pierce then opened a discussion of the survey she had previously given to each team leader and asked for feedback on how to improve functions and communication between the Council and the Board.

Jeff Stibal suggested that understanding what each team does and effective communication between teams that have overlapping responsibilities could be improved by emails and frequent discussions.

Kevin Beyer of Stewardship urged the Board to sign up early for the Annual Day of Service. He would like the Board members to act as backup leaders for the activities on the March 18 event.

Jamie Carroll of Hospitality said that she has some difficulty in contacting people to provide food for the Social Hour. However, she has commitments up to May.

Pat Ward of the Heritage team stated that the committee needs money to buy ResourceMate software needed to create a complete digital record of the Church history for the 175th anniversary. It has been a custom for the church to give a gift on a major anniversary. The cost is about \$2500. Pat was asked to work with Kathy Cornell to develop a campaign asking people to contribute to a Congregational Gift that would fund the Archiving Software in honor of the 175th Anniversary.

Bill Koehl, new leader for the Green Sanctuary Team, requested confirmation from the board for Green Sanctuary Team to monitor our public officials' awareness and understanding of environmental issues. And then to share this information with the congregation and the community at large. GST wants to encourage input from all team leaders about any ECO concerns they may have. He wondered if there is any interest in using a video display to enhance the bulletin board effectiveness. He will talk with Kevin O'Neill about ways in which the team could fund eco-friendly facilities improvements.

Kevin O'Neill of Finance requested that all Board members should sign up to count at least once to get a better idea of how the offering and finances work. He suggested dates in summer.

Glenda Peck of Within Our Walls said that WOW has combined with Lay Ministry and requested that all Board Members need to be on the team. Please give Glenda your email so you can see the requests and responses and help when you can.

Brian Doyle noted that Communications now needs a new chair. The Committee needs to work with Christine Imielski on communications. It was also suggested that Kathy Cornell work with the Green Sanctuary team on communications.

Jean Pierce announced that we will talk about goals for next year and the church calendar when she meets with the Council the first week in March.

Bob Swanson suggested that the planning calendar be reviewed, and possibly streamlined. The topic will be discussed at the March Council meeting. George Tattersfield stepping down from the Personnel committee. Bob Swanson moved and Eric Jonke seconded the motion to have Molly Zacker take his place. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Frazier announced that Jennifer Klein has accepted the position on the nominating committee.

The Council Meeting was then adjourned at 8:15pm and Bob Swanson moved and Eric Jonke seconded that the Board go into Executive Session for Personnel matters.

Board Adjourned at 9:23pm.
Submitted by Pat Vary, Board Secretary.