Little River United Church of Christ
Governance Board Meeting
6-11-14

PRESENT:
Tom Ross, Moderator (absent), Moderator-elect
Linda Anderson, Past- Moderator (absent), at large
Ann Lingo, Clerk (absent), at large
Dave Curtis, Treasurer (absent), at large
Ben Northrup, Board of Trustees
Ron Rising, Interim Senior Pastor

Present: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

REPORTS
Moderator: Tom reported that at the retreat of May 17th members of the Church Council began implementation of the pilot effort to divide the work of the Council between a Governance Board and a Ministry Board as authorized at the Annual Meeting. The Governance Board begins its work with this meeting; the Ministry Board will meet for the first time on Monday, June 16th. The Boards begin their work with the goals of maintaining good communication between themselves and the congregation, building trust, and doing the work of the church more effectively and efficiently.

There will be a celebration of Ron’s ministry after the service on Sunday, June 29th. Tom expressed the thanks of the Council to Ron for the assistance he has provided in the past few months. David Lindsey will arrive on June 30th. Key church leaders are preparing orientation materials for David. Kathleen Styles will welcome David at his first Sunday worship service on July 6th. After the service Tom will welcome David at a special coffee hour. To introduce David to members of the congregation the Deacons are organizing an all church event for July 20, there will also be a tea at Greenspring Village and some neighborhood events.

Treasurer: Dave reported that pledge income for May is larger than any other month this year due to two stock gifts. Expenses continue at about the same pace as earlier in the year. Dave spoke with Liz, the accountant, who says she may be available for an additional day each month starting in September. Liz and Dave have developed a more specific but simple to complete voucher form and a corresponding reference sheet to guide data entry. This is an effort to reduce data entry errors in ACS financial bookkeeping system which is very complex. Dave may demonstrate the new voucher at the next Ministry Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
May meeting minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Passed.

Review and approval of Senior Pastor’s compensation package: The congregation voted at their last meeting to allow the Church Council to approve the split in David’s compensation package between housing and salary. It is LRUCC’s practice to allow the pastor to determine the split. David has requested a 50/50 split. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

Review and approval of the Finance Committee’s charter: Dave presented a few minor changes to the Finance Committee’s charter. The charter was approved by the Church Council in May 2013 with the understanding that it would be re-approved annually. Current committee members are Dave, Barbara Lowrey, Jill Cetina, Jen Beckman, Elizabeth Arledge, and Badu Mireku who among them have links to several boards and committees.
Meetings are open and announced on the church web site. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Charter with minor changes. Passed.

Finance committee’s recommendation on targeted donations: Reviewed the recommendation which has been coordinated with Stewardship. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. Passed. Dave will share the policy with Ministry Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed budget process for 2015 budget: Tom reported that Jill has not been available to work on a budget process, so he will prepare a proposal for action at the July Governance Board meeting. Concerns were raised about the need to obtain budget requests in the summer when boards and committees are less active. Deacons and Christian Ed were identified as two committees whose budget requests are particularly important. Tom will send an email to committee chairs alerting them to the need for budget requests before fall meetings.

Draft Mission Statement for Governance Board: Tom will put together some thoughts about a mission statement for the Governance Board for discussion.

Committees: Tom will talk with Jean Wheelock about how the Governance Board and Personnel committee can work together. The Safe Church Committee has an opening for a male member. Nominations and Appointments has one opening, and Trustees has six openings.

Ron closed the meeting in prayer.

Recognition for Ron’s service: Ron was excused from the meeting and the Governance Board discussed appropriate ways to recognize Ron’s service to LRUCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lingo
Clerk

Attachments: Finance Committee Charter with noted changes
Policy on Targeted Donations

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9th