

People's Church Board of Trustees Meeting
September 5, 2023
6:30-8:30pm
Minutes

Present:

Trustees: David Isaacson, Dan Bair, Donna Kaye, Cindy Pietras, Gordon Bolar, Brian Lewis, Rick Johnson, Joe Hampel, Laura Bultman

Minister: Rachel Lonberg

Treasurer: Tom Hackley

Admin: Melissa Emrich

Opened the meeting at 6:31

1. Chalice Lighting and Words (Laura Bultman) "Do the next right thing" Frozen 2
2. Check-in: What's your hope for our church this year?
3. Participants affirmed covenant, mission, and vision.
4. Board members approved the minutes of the June 2023 meeting.
5. Board members approved the agenda of the September 2023 meeting.

Board Business:

1. The board appointed and welcomed two new members: David Isaacson and Dan Bair. Dan will be taking over Tom Hackley's spot and David will be taking Matt Johnson's spot. Both are on the board for a year-long term.
2. The board voted to appoint Brian Lewis as Vice-President of the board.
3. The board re-appointed Karen Friedel to the board nominating committee.

Church and Staff Updates:

1. Financials Report (Tom Hackley)
 - Pledges are up, our non-pledge contributions are up, we've received all our endowments. We paid half our denominational support for the year.
 - We finished out 2022-2023 balancing the budget by transferring \$5380 from the Palmer fund - a little more than we budgeted but not by much.
 - Based on our expected cash flow, we'll need Palmer fund money in January. We've budgeted 20 thousand from the Palmer fund for this year.
 - We will need a multi-prong approach to help with our deficit.
 - Tom will form a short-term task force to help create this multi-prong approach. Joe Hampel will serve as board liaison to this task force.
2. The board voted to appoint Pat VanSlambrouck as assistant treasurer.
3. Staff and Committee Reports (Rachel Lonberg)

There were some questions about the Article 2 information in the minister's report. Rachel explained that this would be voted on at General Assembly in June and includes a rewrite of the principles and sources into seven values instead.

Planning for the Future

1. Preparedness Policy: The board voted to accept the work of the preparedness committee and accept the 5th revision of the policy as the official policy.

2. The board identified three priorities for the year:

- Preparedness
- Securing our financial future
- Joy

3. Article 3 policy group

Matt, Joe, and Brian had volunteered but roles have changed. Joe will remain in the group and Dan will join as well. Due to his duties as the Vice-President, Brian will no longer be in the group.

4. ERACCE training

Board members are encouraged to go to the training. Cindy, Donna, Dan, and Laura are interested; Rachel will send them information.

Closing Words: Laura shared Melinda Mae by Shel Silverstein

Adjournment: 8:23pm