

Members Present: Lillian Wilson, Amy Reynolds, Preston Armistead, Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Randy Russell, Pete Halvorson, Dennis Cruse, Lisa Chisholm, Laura Hetsko, Rick Powers

Associates present: Rev. Howard Huhn, Ken Lair

Members absent: Walter Wills, Travis Meredith

Associates absent: Anita Griffith, Rick Meyers

Guest: Chris Leslie (Communications)

Minutes

Called to order by Preston Armistead with a devotion from Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster. He encouraged us to have priority in worship and prepare our hearts for worship.

Pete Halvorson and Amy Reynolds presented a graphic regarding the governance of the board. They identify four foci of governance - Growth & Learning, Leadership, Accountability, and Communication. Discussion was that this is a good start and will continue to develop. Howard Huhn will present about the church vision framework in January.

Ken Lair presented a report on the current finances. Preliminary report from October is income around 203,000 and expenses around 194,000 with a positive balance of around 8,000 on the month. We continue to project a cash surplus of 230,000 on the year. Jim Bass is working on a letter to the Jubilee givers to ask about continuing their giving. We will continue to strategize concerning how to reduce/eliminate the debt. September financials were approved previously via email.

Jim Bass reminded the board to respond to the online assessment from the district.

Chris Leslie presented concerning our communication. We have identified a location on the website for information concerning the Board of Stewards under the "About" section, with a separate page for more detail. Chris gave us a complete tour of the website.

No meeting in December. Financials will be approved via email. Other issues will be handled via email unless an emergency meeting is needed.

Amy Reynolds will be the board chair and lay leader for 2018. Meetings will be tentatively on the 3rd Sundays at 12:15 pm. January 21 would be the 1st meeting for 2018.

Howard Huhn updated the board about security concerns. We are staging an usher at the back currently and will be having training for our ushers. We are also purchasing some radios to increase internal communication on Sundays.

Christmas Eve services will be on Sunday this year, with a children's focused service at 10:30 am, Celebrate at 5:00 pm, Traditional with full choir at 7:00, and Traditional with communion at 9:00 pm.

We will have rotating reports from each ministry area to give a better overview of our entire ministries. This will begin in January.

Kim Brizendine closed in prayer at 9:00.