

The following are highlights from the 01/13/2025 Governing Board meeting:

- **Call to order – Chuck**
- **Devotional – Chuck**

Members Attending:

Chuck Hanrahan (Chair), Frances Bryniarski (Vice Chair), Christy Leshner (Secretary), Tim Mahan (Treasurer), Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback, Wendy Featherstone, Peter Owh, Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Sr. Minister), David Strong (Church Administrator)

Absent:

None

Guests:

None

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- **Reviewed / Approved Consent Agenda – Chuck**
 - Review/Approval of Governing Board Minutes of December 2, 2024 *Confidential*
 - Review/Approval of PPRC Minutes of January 6, 2025 *Confidential*
 - Review/Approval of PSC Minutes of November 13, 2024
 - Review/Approval of Safety Management Team Minutes of September 26, 2024
 - Review/Approval of Safety Management Team Minutes of October 24, 2024
 - Review/Approval of 2024 Annual Narrative Report of the Senior Minister of January 2025
 - **Election of GB Officers for 2025 – Chuck**
 - Frances Bryniarski as Vice Chair
 - Tim Mahan as Treasurer
 - Christy Leshner as Secretary

Motion to approve: Michelle; Outcome: Approved by board vote

- **Schedules, Forms, and Liaison Assignments – Christy / Chuck**
 - Conflicts of Interest forms due by Feb 10, 2025
 - New GB member profiles and headshots to be submitted for website updates
 - Members agreed to cadence and day/times of meetings for the year
 - Liaison assignments confirmed:
 - Frances – PPRC
 - Jonathan – Outreach
 - Wendy – Property Stewardship
 - Tim – Finance, Owh – Investment

- **Omnibus Authority Signature Resolutions & Endowment Distribution – Chuck**

The Omnibus Authority Signature Resolution mirrors the document of past years with the following changes:

- Property Usage - this raises the limit that can be signed without further approval from \$10,000 to \$75,000. The Daycare usage agreement is already at \$70,000. David Strong is the signature of these agreements.
- We have added a third check signer (Holly Temming) for times when David Strong is out of the office. All checks still require two signatures.
- We have added a section on Asbury Theatre which allows the director to sign contracts for up to \$5,000. Larry Dugan would have signature authority in this scenario.
- The Standing Resolution for Endowment Distribution was submitted for approval with no changes from the prior year. We will update the approval date to January 13, 2025 following the passing of the resolution.

Chuck proposed that the GB take both the Omnibus Authority Signature Resolution and the Standing Resolution for Endowment Distributions as one vote.

Motion to ratify both resolutions: Moved by Tim; Seconded by Jonathan; Outcome: Approved

- **Annual Board Work Product – Chuck**

Reviewed [AFUMC Board Policy Book](#), particularly Annual Board Work Product (section 1.1.1); the board discussed the importance of unity as a board even if during discussions members had differing opinions.

- **2025 Town Hall Schedule – Chuck**

- Planned dates: March 2, May 18, September 21
- Pastor Michelle: The Dream Team will have materials ready for review at the Feb 10 GB meeting, aligning with a March 2025 Town Hall as the year's first.
- Tim: Town Hall dates set for Mar 2, May 18, and September, skipping summer due to low attendance, with a Charge Conference in Nov/Dec.
- Chuck: Suggests producing video discussions between Town Halls to highlight issues and updates from GB members and committee chairs.
- Tim: Finance Committee will present a year-end report at the Mar 2 Town Hall, with results reviewed at the Feb 10 GB meeting.
- Pastor Michelle and David: Pledge Drive results can be shared via Mon Reader or Thurs e-blast before March, allowing the Mar 2 Town Hall to focus on Dream Team work.

- **Review of the Big Three Questions for 2024 & 2025 – Chuck**

2024 Focus:

1. Continued Momentum - Senior Minister selection/transition, membership growth, potential General Conference decisions, online engagement.
2. Financial Wellness - Stewardship/budget process improvements, focused around Consecrations Sunday process, and earlier interaction with internal groups that may be affected by budget decisions.
3. Community Outreach - Now that the CoC has successfully opened, how to ensure its continued success, attract more volunteers, establish adequate operational funding (including additional pledging and grants) and grow other outreach activities.

Progress was made on all three, though there is still work to do (i.e. we're still running in a deficit but we were able to overcome the shortfall).

Board to discuss Big Three Questions for 2025 at February meeting.

- **New Business – All**

- Fundraising for tech/capital improvements to be added to future agenda.
- Board Work Product timeline to be determined.
- Discussion on capital campaign needs and process.
- PPRC name change to SPRC pending finalization.

- **Closing / Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:04 PM
- GB Meeting: February 10, 2025 (5 PM, Smart Room)
- Town Hall: March 2, 2025 (after 11 AM service)
- Church Conference: [Date not specified]

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Leshner