

The following are highlights from the 06/08/2026 Governing Board meeting:

- Call to order – Jonathan
- Devotions – Christy

Members Attending:

Dave Allen, Paul Campbell, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback (Acting Chair), Erica Friedman Coburn, Christy Leshner (Secretary), Tim Mahan, Peter Owh, Dawn Riedy (Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Sr. Minister), Deb Bullock-Smith (Church Administrator)

Absent:

None

Guests:

None

1. Received & Approved Consent Agenda

Approval of Governing Board Minutes of May 11, 2026
Receipt of Finance Committee Report of June 3, 2026
Receipt of SPRC Minutes of May 4, 2026
Receipt of Property Stewardship Committee Minutes of May 13, 2026
Receipt of Investment Committee Minutes of May 14, 2026
Receipt of Sustainability Task Force Minutes of Apr 28, 2026
Receipt of Senior Minister's Report of May 2026

2. Sanctuary Sound Proposal – Paul & Dawn

The Governing Board discussed the current sound system proposal, noting that while the Property Stewardship Committee (PSC) is on board, they have relied on the Tech Team's guidance and have yet to meet to fully review the finalized proposal. GB members were encouraged to submit any questions to the PSC to aid in their upcoming review, as the PSC will own the final decision. Dawn presented a detailed list of questions and updates following weekend correspondence with Dick Rice, clarifying that the initial piece of the proposed Dante system would replace an analog system that has reached its end of life. While the immediate focus was spurred by failed speakers, the proposed replacement would also add functionality, such as the ability to control the system from the pastor's study. To ensure fiduciary oversight, the GB noted the importance of monitoring potential scope creep and ensuring competitive pricing from the vendor, Ocello. Additional clarification is being sought regarding speaker warranties and the potential financial or operational risks of delaying the Dante system implementation.

Paul and Deb took Dawn's question and the others that were surfaced for the coming PSC meeting. Once answers are provided and the PSC makes a determination about the proposed upgrade to the sanctuary sound system, the GB will call an email vote to approve the Finance Motion.

Proposed Motion

Recognizing the critical importance of the sound system to Asbury First's mission, the Finance Committee supports spending up to approximately \$110,000 to replace the sanctuary main speakers. To support this project:

- The Finance Committee recommends restoring the full 2025 General Budget CIF allocation (a one-time transfer of \$30,000 into Property Fund 7A), pending Governing Board approval
- Unless designated donations can be identified to cover some or all of the cost, the PSC will then need to use their allocated Property Fund 7A funds to purchase and install the new sanctuary main speakers
- If the PSC needs to cover most or all of the cost of this project, the Finance Committee commits to partnering with the PSC to address any unforeseen critical 2026 expenditures that may arise in excess of the PSC's remaining budgeted available funds

3. New Business – All

- Michelle recommended that committees and teams consider taking a month off this summer to rest, while exploring ways to work more efficiently to make committee service more sustainable. Paul noted historical church summer closures for July and August, and that at some point the decision was made to run year-round to keep momentum, just as a note in case anyone pushes back on taking a break.
- Dave shared that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has scheduled a family picnic for July 12 to celebrate Dee, Alex, and Jo all coming on board.
- Regarding the stewardship calendar, Michelle confirmed the church will follow last year's schedule, with a kickoff in September and October designated as Stewardship Month.
- Tim reported that the Sustainability Task Force is performing a physical asset inventory using subject matter experts and consultants to create a master list of useful life, replacement costs, and depreciation schedules; this data will help determine annual budgeting needs, required endowment levels, and potential capital campaigns, with Dawn noting that John O. has already jumpstarted some of this work.
- Jonathan shared that the Outreach team is interested in doing the legwork—including researching liability, insurance, and on-site storage security—to maintain a van for various outreach projects, and they will report back with their findings.

Adjourned at 6:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Leshner

Next GB Meeting (5:30 PM, Red Room)	August 10, 2026
Next Town Hall (after 11 AM service, Sanctuary)	Fall, date TBD