

# GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

## Monthly Executive Summary | June 2022

The following are highlights from the 6/13/2022 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

### AGENDA

- **Call to order/devotional — Mrs. Benjamin**
  - Present: Valerie Benjamin, President; Ike Jordan, Vice-President; Angie Burch, Treasurer; Cory Tylanda, Secretary; Joe Stankaitis; Chuck Hanrahan; Beth Wilkens; David Strong, Church Administrator
  - Excused Absence: Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, Sr. MinisterMs. Wilkens shared the devotion.
- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda — All**
  1. May 2022 Gov. Board Meeting Minutes 5/9/2022 — Mr. Tylanda
  2. Investment Committee Report 5/12/2022 — Ms. Wilkens
  3. PPRC Meeting Minutes 5/23/2022 — Mr. Stankaitis
  4. Finance Committee Minutes 3/21/2022 — Mrs. Benjamin

Motion	To approve the May 2022 Consent agenda was offered by Mrs. Benjamin. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 2022 Gov. Board Meeting Minutes 5/9/2022</li><li>• Investment Committee Report 5/12/2022</li><li>• PPRC Meeting Minutes 5/23/2022</li><li>• Finance Committee Minutes 3/21/2022</li></ul>
Moved By	Cory Tylanda
Seconded By	Ike Jordan
Outcome	Passed by unanimous consent

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Gun Safety Language — Mr. Hanrahan**
  - **Background:** On April 19, the PSC met and discussed the request to have signage regarding “no guns on campus” to be placed at all entrances to our buildings. The consensus was to send this request back to the Governing Board for the following reasons:
    1. The efficacy and importance of this signage should be discussed broadly and in the context of the work being done by the Safety and Security Team of AFUMC.
    2. While it is critical that there be a well-crafted policy statement in the AFUMC policy documents on gun violence and its prevention, there was concern that signage to that effect would have a negative connotation for people entering the buildings creating a sense of fear and anxiety around this issue. The church environment should be free from violence and fear. We should focus on the educational opportunity for discussion on the larger issue of gun violence in Rochester and beyond. Signage is NOT a deterrent.
    3. The no weapons policy should be communicated broadly.

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4. Certainly reducing gun violence in Rochester and its surrounding community is a laudable goal and should be part of congregational conversations and with our community. Of note, the Book of Resolutions from the 2016 General Conference has a whole section on what churches SHOULD be doing/saying in regard to gun violence. We assume the total resolution on the topic was passed, but don't know for certain. This bears further investigation, perhaps by the Safety and Security Team under direction from the Governing Board.
- **Open Discussion:** Mr. Hanrahan discussed that during the March Governing Board meeting it was discussed the possibility of putting up signage indicating Asbury's no gun policy on doors entering the campus buildings. Mr. Hanrahan stated the recommendation by the Safety and Security Committee is to not post "no gun policy" signs. Mr. Strong paraphrased the discussions he has had with other church executives. Per Mr. Strong, the safety and security experts and other churches strongly suggest putting up a sign saying a "no gun policy" is a wrong message to send because any active threat person would know that there are no guns here. Many churches have people on staff or contractors who carry concealed weapons. Does Asbury have a protocol for an active violence? Yes

Motion	To Accept recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee to not place "no gun policy" signs on the Asbury campus.
Moved By	Beth Wilkens
Seconded By	Angela Burch
Outcome	Passed by unanimous consent

- **Outreach Update – Mr. Jordan**

- We haven't received the number of applications for the social work position at this time that we were expecting. This is due to multiple reasons, tight labor market and competition in the health care field. The Outreach Committee is going to research alternative opportunities to fill the position that will benefit outreach.
- Ms. Benjamin suggested the job description be shared with Governance Team members so, in turn, the job description and posting could reach more networks.

- **Better Together Funding 74k Overage – Mr. Hanrahan**

- There is about 74 thousand more raised than we have spent. We have some contingency budget left for construction. The recommendation of the Building Committee and Better Together Building Fund recommends that we apply this money to the front porch (South Porch) of 1010. Mr. Hanrahan is getting a quote from the architect for the costs. We are asking for permission to evaluate the front porch repair costs. This would be to mostly fix masonry work.
- **Open Discussion:** We have not had to take a loan out for any construction costs for the Better Together Campaign. The architect stated we had about three years to fix the issues on the South Porch and we are in "year one."

Motion	To use up to 74 thousand dollars to fix the South Porch on Building 1010. This includes the architect plan and repairs.
Moved By	Chuck Hanrahan
Seconded By	Cory Tylanda
Outcome	Passed by unanimous consent

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- **Executive Session:** Due to confidentiality, Governing Board entered Executive Session at 5:25 pm and exited at 5:51 pm.
- **Next meeting:** We will not set up formal meetings for July or August and will meet officially in September. If we need to meet in July or August, we can set up an Ad Hoc meeting to address any time urgent issues. The Governing Board will resume its normally scheduled meeting cadence in September 2022.
- **Closing Prayer — Mrs. Benjamin**
  - Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

— *Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda, Secretary*