

GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Monthly Executive Summary | June 2023

The following are highlights from the 06/12/2023 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

- **Call to order/devotional – Ms. Wilkens**

Members Attending: Beth Wilkens (Chair), Ike Jordan (Vice-Chair), Angie Burch (Treasurer), Cory Tylanda (Secretary), Jim Quinn, Wendy Featherstone, Valerie Benjamin, Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, Sr. Minister, and David Strong, Church Administrator

- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda**

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| ◦ May 8, 2023 GB Minutes | Mr. Tylanda |
| ◦ Senior Minister's June 12, 2023 Report | Rev. Dr. Cady |
| ◦ Finance Comm. March 20, 2023 Minutes | Ms. Burch |
| ◦ Finance Report | Ms. Burch |
| ◦ Property Stewardship Committee minutes (draft) | Ms. Featherstone |
| ◦ Pastor Parish Relations Comm. June 5, 2023 Minutes | Mr. Quinn |
| ◦ Outreach Center Committee May 11, 2023 Minutes | Mr. Jordan |

- **Old Business**

- **Data:** The Board noted difficulties in being able to analyze data, such as website access, and will discuss at a future meeting.
- **Data Privacy:** Mr. Tylanda and Ms. Benjamin presented and discussed the Shelby Next Privacy Policy as a basis for a Church policy. The Board discussed how the policy would be extended or implemented in connection with an online directory, for example a need to “opt in” for access and sharing. More information will be gathered and work on how the policy could be implemented will continue over the Summer.
- **Amendment to Board Policy Book:** The Board approved the following amendment, related to governance terms, adding Section 1.6.4 to the Board Policy Book:

1.6.4 Board Member Terms. As a general policy, Board members should serve only one three-year term, and the Chair should have a maximum two-year term in that office; provided, however,

- the Governance Board may from time to time adjust the term of one or more Board members to preserve rotational balance of the Board (generally 2, 2, and 3 members respectively rotating off in any year), and
- the Governance Board in its discretion may invite a Chair, then in office, who is rotating off the Board to attend Board meetings for an additional year in a non-voting *ex officio* capacity.

- **Planning Process:** Stephen Cady and Beth Wilkens met with the original Dreamscape team for “lessons learned,” and we are working on identifying members of a new task force. We would formally kick off this process in the Fall of 2023. The first order of business would be for the task force to define the process, including for obtaining input from all constituencies and engaging the congregation.

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- **Outreach Task Force Report:** Diana Louise Carter and Carolyn Hamil presented the Outreach Task Force Report “Continuing Our Way Forward” report, including findings and recommendations. The board discussed whether the ongoing combined committee/team should be a “Committee” (generally funneling matters to the Governing Board) or “Team” (generally handling operational matters) in our governance structure. It was concluded the group should be a Committee reflecting the critical position of outreach at Asbury, but a Committee that also has functions as a Team. The Board commended the Task Force for its excellent work. It approved the recommendations outlined in the Outreach Task Force Report regarding restructuring, leadership, and recommendations in allocation of funding. The Board endorsed the full Report, will distribute it to the congregation, and will forward it to the team that will lead the update Dreamscape planning process to include in, and link as appropriate to, their work.
 - **Daycare Fob Access:** The Governance Board approved a proposal for fob access to Daycare Doors as presented by Ocello Systems.
 - **Rochester Casino:** The Rochester Business Journal has reported that Gov. Hochul has authorized a casino to be in Rochester with the Seneca Indian Nation. We will investigate appropriate means to register our opposition. The Board adopted the following resolution: “The Governance Board, acting on behalf of the Church, opposes a casino in Rochester, and authorizes communication of that opposition as appropriate.”
- **The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is Monday September 11, 2023.**

End of Report