

GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Monthly Executive Summary | Jan. 2024

The following are highlights from the 1/15/2024 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

- **Call to order/devotional**

Members Attending: Beth Wilkens (Chair), Ike Jordan (Vice-Chair), Cory Tylenda (Secretary), Angie Burch (Treasurer), Wendy Featherstone, Jim Quinn, and Valerie Benjamin, and staff members John Ormsbee, and David Strong.

- **Senior Minister's Report**

Rev. Dr. Cady mentioned everyone has been kind, gracious and open with the news of his departure. It's been an emotional time, and we will continue to work through the process and transition. We held a listening session with the congregation on 12/3/2023 after church and it was well received.

- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda**

- Minutes Governing Board 11-18-2023
- Minutes Governing Board 12-4-2023
- Minutes Governing Board 1-8-2024
- Minutes PPRC 12-4-2023 Draft
- Outreach Notes

- **New Business**

- The following five resolutions were passed by the Governing Board:
 - Consent Agenda for 1/15/2024 meeting
 - The AFUMC Annual Operating Budget for 2024, as presented.
- The following resolution was passed by the Finance Committee:
 - The AFUMC Annual Operating Budget for 2024, as presented.

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- **2024 Annual Church Budget**

- Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady spoke of an email sent out articulating the current challenge of the 2024 budget as a \$134k difference between income and expenses. We have tried to scale back our expenses and be realistic about income for 2024. We did see an increase in giving, and new member classes that are positive. On the other hand, AFUMC was assessed an \$80k increase in Conference apportionment, and there is a cost-of-living increase. We will have a flat contribution from our endowment in 2024, while in the past we could have expected an increase of around \$20k on average. We did not receive the income we expected from foundations toward operation of the Community Outreach Center. We did receive gifts, but they were directed. We have provided the opportunity for members to increase their giving to help close the gap and we have received increased pledges of \$53,750 dollars, so far. The \$80-90k deficit remains.
- John Ormsbee presented different options of funding and addressing the shortfalls in funding of the budget.
- Mr. Tylenda asked if we have investigated hiring a full-time or part-time grant writer to offset the deficit. David Strong and Mr. Tylenda will research this option.
- AFUMC has been investing in the future and the programming has expanded.
- The Dream Team will also come forward with recommendations that might include personnel such as a grant writer.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting: February 12, 2024 from 5pm-6:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda, Secretary

End of Report