

GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Monthly Executive Summary | July. 2024

The following are highlights from the 7/8/2024 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

- **Call to order/devotional – Mr. Quinn**

Members Attending: Jjim Quinn (Chair), Wendy Featherstone (Vice-Chair), Cory Tylenda (Secretary), Christy Leshner, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenbach, Beth Wilkens – Ex officio, and by invitation for portions of the meeting David Strong, Church Administrator
Absent: Tim Mahan (Treasurer), Ike Jordan, Michelle Bogue-Trost, Sr. Minister

- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda**

- June 10, GB Minutes Mr. Tylenda
- o PPRC July 1, 2024 Minutes Ms. Wilkens
- o Notes from Finance Committee Meeting of June 24, 2024 Ms. Wilkens

- **Charge Conference to Approve Creation of Property Stewardship Endowment Fund**

(Charge Conference consists of GB plus retired ministers for whom AFUMC is the connectional church.)

As proposed by the Property Stewardship Committee, and approved on May 13, 2024 by the Governing Board)

We were unable to hold the Charge Conference because we did not have the District Superintendent or an Ordained Elder present. Nevertheless, the Governing Board and attendees from the congregation used the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to the creation of a Property Stewardship Endowment Fund.

Bob Schuman spoke of the proposed Property Stewardship Endowment Fund (PSE Fund). This fund would be launched by folding in two existing endowment funds: the Budney Fund and the Wilson Fund. We propose to move the two funds into the PSE Fund and use them as the base, and hopefully, it will grow substantially. There are Asbury First members who are committed to a property stewardship fund to support infrastructure and IT. This fund would be another vehicle to accept funds in an area that is important to many Asbury First members.

Chuck Hanrahan, Bob Schuman, and Wayne Turnblom were concerned for some time about the inadequacy of the capital improvement fund. Five percent of the AOP every year should go to capital improvement to maintain the campus. However, the five percent allocation has not happened recently. Additionally, a decision was made to assign IT capital projects and costs to the property stewardship committee and there aren't any dollars allocated to cover this additional scope. Eventually, we will need to replace the sound system in the sanctuary. The IT requirements for Asbury First will be costly and the life expectancy of IT isn't that long. This proposal is not intended to address any immediate needs, but rather to address long term needs. A lengthy discussion ensued.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the following concerns were captured:

1. What are the standards or requirements for distribution of funds?
2. What is a capital improvement in contrast to a repair item? (PSE Fund would cover both.)
3. Can the name be changed to the Property Stewardship Endowment? (That is the current name.)

Monthly Executive Summary | June 2024

Continued from Previous Page

4. What is the intended ultimate level of funding? (\$5-6M)

5. What are the benefits of adopting this proposal for a separate fund vs. individual funds/gifts?

- **Financial Update and Update and process for the 2025 budget**

John Ormsbee presented a financial and budget update, (including an update on the level of 2025 funding from the General Endowment)

- **Discussion of the “Big Three” for 2024**

Mr. Quinn recommended we postpone this discussion item for when Michelle is present at our next meeting.

- **Summer Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed**

Please sign up for shifts to help cover the Welcome Desk.

- **PPRC Update**

The PPRC met and has a recommendation for salary transparency. This will be shared at a subsequent meeting.

- **Dream Team Update**

Beth Wilkens reported the team have wrapped up their work with an analysis of what has been accomplished since the original Dreamscape, reaffirmation of mission and vision, synthesized and analyzed with the goals, which ones are still relevant, and identified additional dreams. They have put all of this into a format and will involve Rev.Dr. Bogue-Trost in the Fall to re-engage the process. They would like her to review them and provide feedback. Work will resume in September.

- **Status of Privacy Policy**

Mr. Tylenda said the policy is almost completed. There are 5-6 questions that Mr. Ocello will have to answer regarding technologies to be utilized on the website.

- **Status of Privacy Issues Surrounding a New Online Directory**

Ted Anderson outlined the Nominations Committee’s proposal to add additional teams. He also discussed Welcome Back Sunday in September; consideration will be given to spreading this out over a full month.

- **Senior Pastor’s Report**

No report was provided as Rev. Dr. Bogue-Trost just began her appointment at Asbury First and is representing us at the NE Jurisdictional Conference at this moment.

- **Closing Prayer**

- Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 pm. Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda

- Next GB Meeting: August 12, 2024: Next Devotions: Jim

- **Upcoming Town Hall Meetings with Congregation**

7/28/2024, 10/20/2024, 12/8/2024 (the Church Conference if Bishop Burgos approves), 1/19/2025

End of Report