

GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Monthly Executive Summary | August. 2024

The following are highlights from the 8/12/2024 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

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

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

Absent: Wendy Featherstone (Vice-Chair), Jonathan Carroll-Nellenbach

- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda**

- July 8, GB Minutes

Mr. Tylenda

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

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

Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost, Presiding

Purpose: To Approve the Creation of a Property Stewardship Endowment Fund, as proposed by the Property Stewardship Committee, and approved on May 13, 2024 by the Governing Board. Property Stewardship Endowment Fund was approved. Charge conference commenced at 5:02pm and adjourned at 5:25pm. (See Charge Conference minutes for further details.)

- **Resolution Regarding the Serendipity Fund**

Considering the history of the Serendipity Fund and the absence of information regarding the size of its original corpus, the Investment Committee has recommended that the Serendipity Fund not be considered as board designated as to corpus.

This was a continuation of action of what the GB approved in May 2024. The Investment Committee looked at the 13 formally restricted funds and recommended that they be subject to the same restrictions as is the restricted portion of the General Endowment. The Serendipity Fund was originally included among these funds, but we have now determined that it should not be subject to the same restrictions. It was started by a couple who donated money in the 2000s and its balance is now around \$38K. We should take the fund off the restriction list. It is intended to be used by pastoral staff when there is a ministerial need. It has been used to support education and individuals in need. Also, if a pastor feels that there is an important cause it can be used for that.

The resolution below will amend the resolution passed by the GB on June 10 th , 2024. The Resolution was approved regarding board restricted funds be, and the same hereby is, amended by removing the Serendipity Fund from the list in Paragraph 2 that identified certain funds as board designated as to corpus and adding the Serendipity Fund to the list in Paragraph 3 that identified certain funds as not board designated as to corpus.

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- **Senior Pastor's Report – Rev. Dr. Bogue-Trost**

Michelle is settling into the role and working on a project to create a volunteer hub. We will ask ministry areas where we can recruit volunteers to help, what jobs can be filled by a volunteer and what qualifications are needed.

Discussion: Mr. Tylenda suggested we set up a “Name Tag Table” in the Welcome Center to hand out nametags and also issue a reminder to wear nametags so we can help Michelle with names.

- **New Business – All**

Question from a guest at the meeting: When does the GB meet? Full church conferences are held on pre-announced dates after the 11Am service. Members of the congregation are always welcome. The GB work meetings are held the second Monday of every month, and these are open to congregants too.

Michelle has requested AFUMC establish and socialize a set of “meeting norms” outlining a list of positive guidelines and principles that we use to interact with each other. Michelle has some documents that relate to this and will share them. This will be taken up at the September meeting.

Mr. Mahan asked about the status of planning for Welcome Back Sunday. Mr. Strong responded by stating planning is underway. The Dream Team wants to have a conversation about supporting this.

Mr. Strong provided an update on the columbarium proposal before the Preservation Board. The Board's next meeting is Wednesday, August 14 th where Asbury First will present an updated proposal which we hope the Preservation Board will approve.

- **Closing Prayer – Rev. Dr. Bogue-Trost**

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.

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:52pm. Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda
- Next GB Meeting: September 9, 2024: Next Devotions:

- **Upcoming Town Hall Meetings with Congregation**

After the 11 am service on: October 20, 2024

December 8, 2024 (the Church Conference if Bishop Burgos approves)

January 19, 2025

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Minutes of the August 12, 2024 Charge Conference Asbury First UMC Red Room – 5PM

- **Call to order** Rev Dr. Bogue-Trost
Devotions Mr. Quinn
 - Jim Quinn – Chair Present
 - Ike Jordan Present
 - Cory Tylenda – Secretary Present
 - Tim Mahan Present
 - Wendy Featherstone – Vice Chair Absent
 - Christy Leshner Present
 - Jonathan Carroll-Nellenbach Absent
 - Beth Wilkens – Ex officio Present
 - Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost – Sr. Minister Present
 - David Strong, Church Administrator Present
- **Permission to hold charge conference:** “I grant permission to Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost to preside over the Charge Conference at Rochester Asbury First UMC on August 12th, 2024, at 5pm for the purpose of establishing a property stewardship endowment fund.” District Superintendent, Rev. Suzanne Block (received in email dated July 27, 2024)
- **Purpose:** To Approve the Creation of a Property Stewardship Endowment Fund, as proposed by the Property Stewardship Committee, and approved on May 13, 2024, by the Governing Board
- **Appointment of Charge Conference Secretary**

Motion:	Appointment of Cory Tylenda to serve as Charge Conference Secretary
Moved by:	Mr. Quinn
Seconded by:	Mr. Mahan
Outcome:	Passed by unanimous vote of the Charge Conference Participants

- **Resolution to be Considered at the Charge Conference:** Resolved that a restricted endowment fund known as the Property Stewardship Endowment (PSE) Fund is hereby created, and that the existing Budney Fund and Wilson Fund shall be merged into, and in all respects be made parts of, the PSE Fund.

Subject to the terms of this resolution, the PSE Fund may be used only to fund capital improvements and associated costs and capital maintenance to the buildings, grounds, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, including electronic equipment, of Asbury First United Methodist Church.

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- **Motion for Resolution Adoption**

Motion: Resolved that a restricted endowment fund known as the Property Stewardship Endowment (PSE) Fund is hereby created, and that the existing Budney Fund and Wilson Fund shall be merged into, and in all respects be made parts of, the PSE Fund. Subject to the terms of this resolution, the PSE Fund may be used only to fund capital improvements and associated costs and capital maintenance to the buildings, grounds, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, including electronic equipment, of Asbury First United Methodist Church.

Any expenditures from the PSE Fund shall be approved in advance by the Property Stewardship Committee, and, except under exigent circumstances, any capital improvement expenditures shall be consistent with the Church's Capital Improvement Plan, as it may be amended from time-to-time.

Unless the terms of a gift expressly state otherwise, the amounts donated to the PSE Fund ("the corpus") cannot be invaded and must be maintained in perpetuity within the PSE Fund. Any growth of corpus via interest, dividends, and capital appreciation will be available for distribution to the Church pursuant to the terms of this resolution and the then existing Governing Board and Investment Committee processes for annual endowment distributions and shall be subject to any donor use restrictions.

Moved by: Ms. Leshner

Seconded by: Mr. Jordan

Outcome: Passed by unanimous vote of the Charge Conference Participants

Charge Conference Ended by Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost at 5:25pm.
Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda

End of Report