The following are highlights from the 08/05/2026 Governing Board meeting:

- **Call to order – Jonathan**
- **Devotions – Tim**

Members Attending:
Paul Campbell, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback (Acting Chair), Erica Friedman Coburn, Christy Lesher (Secretary), Tim Mahan, Peter Owh, Dawn Riedy (Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Sr. Minister), Deb Bullock-Smith (Church Administrator)

Absent:	**Guests:**
Dave Allen	None

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1. Received & Approved Consent Agenda

Approval of Governing Board Minutes of June 8, 2026
Receipt of Finance Committee Minutes of July 27, 2026
Receipt of Property Stewardship Committee Minutes of June 10, 2026
Receipt of Property Stewardship Committee Minutes of June 22, 2026
Receipt of Property Stewardship Committee Minutes of July 8, 2026
Receipt of Outreach Committee Minutes of June 23, 2026
Receipt of Senior Minister's Report of July 2026

2. Johnson Education Funds Request – Jonathan

Rev. Pat Dupont has requested funds from the Johnson Education Fund, which currently holds a balance of $43,000, to support his pursuit of a Master of Social Work. The purpose of the fund is to support the religious education of people's ministry in our congregation. This expenditure (estimated at $3,500) directly aligns with the fund's designated purpose.

Motion: To allow Rev. Pat Dupont to apply for up to $4,000 from the Johnson Education Fund to support his Master of Social Work degree.
Moved by: Paul
Seconded by: Dawn
Outcome: Approved by vote of the Governing Board

3. New Business – All

- **Website Minutes Process:** Pastor Michelle reminded everyone of the workflow for publishing meeting minutes online. Once committee minutes are finalized, send to Christy (for Governing Board Consent Agenda) and David Stith (for website posting) in tandem.
- **Endowment Education:** Tim and Dawn are developing educational materials on endowments and how they are utilized, which Pastor Michelle proposed publishing as a separate educational post under the website's minutes tab.
- **Fixed Asset Inventory & Audit:** Tim reported progress on the Sustainability Task Force's efforts to update and complete our fixed asset inventory. Dawn raised a concern that this

may be a time-consuming effort at a time when the 2025 audit is also a priority. To ensure everything stays on track, Deb will collaborate with John O. to establish clear priorities and balance both the audit preparation and the fixed asset inventory.

- **Financial Updates & Budget Planning:** Received positive news regarding a $279k bequest from a non-member to establish a COC endowment fund, reviewed the draft general budget with a parameter to keep expense growth under 2%, and target of raising $1.5M by mid-Dec.
- **Leadership Transition Communication:** Addressed how to announce Chuck stepping down as Governing Board chair, with Pastor Michelle planning an announcement in upcoming e-blast. So much transition has been in flight that communicating this detail escaped us.
- **Policy Review for Unhoused Neighbors:** Deb presented a draft policy regarding neighbors sleeping on church porches for review by the Governing Board and PSC, with an off-cycle virtual vote to be scheduled once PSC approval is obtained.

Adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Lesher

Next GB Meeting (5:30 PM, Red Room)	September 14, 2026
Next Town Hall (after 11 AM service, Sanctuary)	Fall, date TBD