

GSLC Board Meeting Agenda

Monday December 19th, 2022 6:30pm

Madison Campus

Attendance: Bob Beggs (President), Pr. Chris Enstad, Dave Vogt (VP), Betsy Johnson (Secretary), Tyler Gold (Treasurer), Paul Bekx. Sara McCormack and Liz Deterding (via Zoom). Absent: Angie Rieger, Vern Andren.

Guests: Steve Frei, Cathy Peercy

Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Bob Beggs. Prayer led by Pr. Chris.

Devotion: Liz led us in a discussion of pages 33-40 of "The Servants as Leader". We discussed being leaders in this church community.

Committee Updates:

Inreach and Congregational Care – Cathy Peercy has been the chair since 2022 and was previously the acting Vice Chair of the committee in 2021. They are currently functioning with a Chair, Vice chair and a secretary which has proven to be a good distribution of leadership for the committee.

This committee meets on even months, the second Thursday. Their charter statement aligns well with the internal pillar of the Strategic Plan. They have been working on the following in conjunction with the hospitality team:

- Help with new member gatherings. This group does the follow up with members after 3 months and also does follow up with others who attended but did not join GS.
- Ministries under this committee include:
 - Shepherds Hands
 - Orchard Ridge partnership
 - Make baptismal blankets
 - Card ministry – 1251 cards in 2022; meets 1x/month. Have added baptismal anniversary cards to what they do this year.
 - Prayer Chain
 - Nametag Sunday
 - Stephen Ministry
 - Grief Sessions
 - Home Communion
 - Keeping Connections (College students)
 - Primetimers

Columbarium – Steve Frei gave an update on the Columbarium and its Board. There are 6 members on the Columbarium board. They meet 2-5x/year. They focus on these components each time they meet:

Administrative report, Financial (2 budgets), Promotion, Maintenance and Construction, Legal.

- 1) June 14, 2015 was the initial dedication of the Columbarium. All 72 original niches have sold.
- 2) Phase II enhancements included the installation of 36 add'l niches in 2020.

- 3) There is a GS member who donates time and talent to care for the landscaping.
- 4) There is now a reliable water feature.
- 5) We have done fall/winterization to the columbarium and the water supply.
- 6) There is a new marble bench which was funded by donations.

The Board plans to have funds available to do the next phase on their own. One niche was sold in 2021, nine were sold in 2022. Continued publicity for the Columbarium occurs at the annual meeting, All Saints Day, through the church website and printed brochures. Rick Blum is the face of the Columbarium. We have become a resource for other churches looking to add a Columbarium. We are currently consulting with Bethel who has plans to add one at their campus.

Minutes: edit to spelling of name “Kandi” edited by Betsy.

Pr. Chris made motion to approve the October 2022 Board meeting minutes. Second by Tyler. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lead Pastor’s Report:

Digital Sign Update: at the Congregational Meeting, the church approved the purchase for the digital sign up to \$45K. There are gifts (donations)s in process to expedite the digital portion of the sign. There are 2 dedicated gifts in process for \$21,500 and \$20K.

Motion by Tyler to use the donated funds (\$21,600 and \$20K) to purchase the digital portion of the sign. Second by Dave. All in favor. Motion carried.

Capital Campaign Update: There are currently 265 intent to give cards returned. There are pledges equaling \$767,698. There has been \$124,769 rec’d to lower the mortgage directly. With the 3 month mortgage reserve included, we are on track by end of 2024 to still pay off mortgage. By late January we will have a strategy to communicate in more detail to the congregation.

Pr. Chris will be attending an exploratory mission to the Holy land from January 12-20th as part of a large church conference to grow interest in bringing more people on a trip to the Holy Land.

President’s Report: There are two members of the Foundation Board seeking a second term and one new member.

Bob motions for approval of the following Foundation Board members:

Greg Meyer -second term

Ann Schmidt – second term

Danielle Sill – new member.

Second by Betsy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Update: See written report. Any questions, please reach out to Sara McCormack.

Financial Reports: Tyler – giving trends are fairly steady. The monthly amount is down from average but almost identical to last year. We are off to a good start for December as we are further ahead than anticipated for the month.

We expect more money in this years budget, but it isn't completely developed yet. Expect expenses to stay below the budget. We are also trying to culminate historical data to compare to seasonality. The finance committee has agreed to keep 3 months of operating expenses on reserve.

See Financial reports for specific details.

Motion by Dave Vogt to accept the November Financial statements. Second by Paul B. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: see written report.

- Roof update: NCI couldn't put up scaffolding at the Madison Campus, but due to the upcoming forecast, if NCI can get to us by Wednesday, they will put it up.
- In Verona, there was a downspout problem which caused flooding of the gym last Wednesday. We are calling in a plumbing company to deal with the downspout issue, but there is no permanent damage to the gym floor.
- Dreaming Beyond campaign, we currently have 463 intents to give for about \$1.23 million for the general campaign.
- We have designed and ordered GS gear through Land's End business line. We have designed 4 logos, two for GS, one for LBPS and one for the Holy Cow. They will be available at the end of the week. Staff have been given a gift certificate for one clothing item. There will be links open for the congregation to also buy GS swag if interested.
- We recently accepted a donation from Cuna due to a connection with a member for 15 tables which have been placed in various places at both campuses. We are anticipating more donations of additional office type equipment.

Action Items:

- Potential post-Holiday gathering for the board in February offsite. Potentially February 20th.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer at 8:23pm

Motion by Pastor Chris to adjourn; second by Dave Vogt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Johnson, Secretary

Good Shepherd Mission: In response to God's love and grace we...Welcome as we have been welcomed, forgive as we have forgiven, serve as we have served.

Good Shepherd Vision: By the grace of God and the love of Jesus Christ, we will meet each person where they are, and invite them into transformative relationships with God, each other, and the communities in which we serve. We will cultivate and empower lay leaders to support this life-changing work at Good Shepherd and beyond.

