

# Executive Committee

June 24, 2025

GS Verona Library

The meeting began at 5:16 p.m.

There was a lengthy discussion at the beginning of the meeting about what can be learned from the decision by the board to go back and reverse the decision to give away \$51,000 to Outreach and the SCSW ELCA synod. Part of the discussion centered on Dave's comment that he was upset that no one called him before the decision was brought to the board. Pr. Craig says in hindsight, Dave made a very good point.

There was also the discussion about the role of the Executive Committee going forward, and whether we should return to the cadence of having the board only meeting 6 times a year and the EC meet in the opposite months.

5:45 p.m. – Pr. Craig mentioned that after looking at the Constitution, we should consider approving a paper ballot for the election of the Executive Committee for the next fiscal year at the meeting happening after the Annual Meeting. Pr. Craig handed out three documents, including a proposed paper ballot for that meeting, a chunk of the constitution related to election of officers, and a sheet showing the candidates for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee.

Pr. Craig clarified that tradition dictated a board meeting be held immediately after the Annual Meeting to elect officers. Karen said last year at that meeting, we also appointed committee liaisons.

There was clarification about whether we need to spend some time formally at the end of the fiscal year talking about EC nominations for next year.

Pr. Craig said he would send his three pieces of paper out in the July board packet. There was a debate about whether a ballot can be submitted to members of the FY 2026 board before the elections happen at the annual meeting.

Tyler announced that he hopes to step back from the Treasurer position by year's end. Pr. Craig asked whether there were any candidates. Rick said he had started to have Ronda Beggs look through the church's database for possibilities.

Pr. Craig asked whether we had onboarding materials for new board members. Rick said onboarding materials had been created in past years in the form of a PowerPoint slide deck by Sara McCormack in 2019 when she was part of the Shared Leadership Task Force. Dave Vogt also created a spreadsheet for board members to learn as they joined the board as part of the Leadership Development pillar as part of the strategic plan in 2023. Rick said he would get

those materials for Pr. Craig and the EC to review and figure out how to edit them down for use by the new board members in 2025.

Pr. Craig thinks it's also important to have some social component at the beginning of the year for the board.

Betsy thinks we also need to keep a spiritual component with the board next year, and thinks a devotional is important.

Pr. Craig thinks this year's EC should send recommendations to next year's EC.

Betsy recommends a review of the committee structure over the first 4 months in FY 26.

Pr. Craig said Jared is coming forward with a proposal to focus on different aspects of the church each month. He thinks that could serve as a template for discussion topics at board meetings.

The meeting ended at 6:12 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.