GOV Team Meeting 23 January 2023 6:30-8:10

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**Facilitator:** Chair, Tom Shepherd Note taker: Debbie Guy

**Attendees:** GOV Team: Tom Shepherd, Vicki Parker, Anita Plue, Craig Doxey, Don

Wenzel, Debbie Guy, Cheryl LaPointe, David Bruyninckx

**Ex Officio**

**in attendance**: Rev. Ben Wills, Cindy Vinson (Admin), Harry Parker (Finance), Madison

Chesser (Intern)

**Members not**

**in attendance:** Peggy Medlin

**Visitors:** None

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Agenda, December Minutes, and Financial Reports Provided to Atendees

**Call to Order:**

**Devotion** Tom Shepherd Wesley Devotion

Next month (February): Craig Doxey

**Welcome New Members:** Tom welcomed the new GOV team members and thanked them for agreeing to be a part of the team. He verified everyone has access to Realm for contact.

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**Agenda Item:** Approval of December Minutes – updates on digital timer vs. mechanical timer – however the lights were switched over to a switch (mechanical) only. Craig asked about how actionable items are tracked – he will provide an example to Debbie on 30 Jan 23.

**Motion:** Anita P. **Second:** Cheryl

Approved unanimously.

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**Agenda Item:** Financial Reports **Presenter:** Harry Parker, Treasurer

**Discussion:**

- Last year (Dec 21) we were $5-7K in the hole and last month (Dec 22) we were $1K to the good

- the sheets provided do not match the information that Harry has. Cindy stated that next month the accounts should show correctly (even the restricted funds), so one income and one expense to avoid the confusion.

- total income: $99,164

- Tithes: $26,457

- Available cash: $

- Don asked if the Revenue and Expense is available. Cindy said it will be available on Realm after the 2nd Monday of each month.

**Action Item:** To make available to GOV team ahead of scheduled meetings.

**Responsible Person:** Cincy **Due:** 31 Jan 23

- Ben stated that he would like to see a new method of showing our financial health (not the red, orange, green)

- Tom shared with new members about the forgiveness of apportionments and the $50K grant, which is not a part of the $65K matching grant discussed at the visioning session. Also shared the reason for the wording in the letter from District (re: $50K Grant) was due to the possible disaffiliation of Marvin.

- David asked what does the “pause” (as shared in the newsletter) mean? Ben explained that no disaffiliations will be processed until after the General Conference 2024. Ben will hold two listening sessions with Marvin UMC on the pause – LMUMC is welcome to attend.

* Debbie asked about next meeting which falls on a holiday February 20 – discussion was to move it to February 27.
* Craig asked about indicators - - are there any actions to push to the financial task team to come back with a solution. (see below)
* Harry departed.

\*\*Actions in Blue are from previous month(s) but have not reached due date

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| **Action Items** | **Person Responsible** | **Due Date** |
| Look at ways to inform congregation of financial health & spending | Financial Team | Jan 31, 2023 |
| Review Financial Health Status (red, orange, green) for other options | Financial Team | TBD |
| Make financial report available to the GOV team prior to meetings | Cindy | Jan 31, 2023 |

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**Agenda Item:**  Task Team Updates **Presenter:**  GOV Team Members

**Task Team – Buildings & Grounds Presenter:** Anita Plue

**Discussion:**

* HVAC is in; will tweak thermostat; Cindy is having issues with schedule.
* Plumbing – still looking for the Flow Regulator Valve; access to attic has been bent and Craig was unable to open the door; the plumber could not find the pipes; Craig will try again to get up and find; he will also provide Anita with contact for plumber that may be more economical for us; Tom asked if the pressure was high or low – the response was high; Tom recommended just putting in a new valve but discussion was that would not work; the Drain Surgeon quote was $675 just to find the valve (up to 4 hours).
* Gutter Repair – Quote for Sanctuary/Youth Building was $1300/$500 for a total of $1800 – Anita will obtain more quotes.
* Tom is still working to fix toilet in ladies' bathroom.

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**Agenda Item:** Church Administrator's Report **Presenter:** Cindy Vinson

**Discussion:**

* Working on membership audit
* Working on End of Year Reports
* Getting Madison settled in
* Ecuador Team $2K request needs GOV member signature
* Talked about possible increase to Cindy being able to approve; question asked about where the $250 limit came from
* Ecuador team will need a quick turnaround for $20K upcoming ticket purchase
* Shared proposed fundraisers – 12 Feb - Souper Bowl (Youth), 9 Apr - Pancake Breakfast (Mission Team), Mar-Apr - Lily’s (Worship Team), 20 Mar - Easter Baskets (Wellroot)
  + Craig made the motion to accept the fundraisers as proposed
  + Vicki seconded the motion
  + Unanimous approval
* Needs a picture of the GOV Team

Craig asked about the membership audit – what help is needed? Cindy said that Shirley and Jackie are helping and they are doing it in stages. It must be completed prior to Charge Conference. He also asked about Policy and Procedure manuals (Cindy and Ben went over SPRC today).

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**Agenda Item:** Pastor's Report **Presenter:** Rev. Ben Wills

**Discussion:**

* Lots going on in the life of the Church. Tonight we (GOV Team) have been in the weeds somewhat. Would like to spend the rest of the time on Visioning.
* Tom asked about publishing GOV Team minutes and providing to the congregation – on Realm, printed copies, etc.
* David asked about confidential information – no confidential information is in the minutes.
* Ben asked that we wait and discuss. He does want transparency of leadership and letting the congregation know what is going on.
* Craig recommended a separate email or link in the newsletter (weekly) or stewardship newsletter (monthly).
* David shared concerns for ensuring it is well thought out.
* Discussion concluded that we continue path for Stewardship Newsletter. That is the newsletter for GOV Team to communicate to the congregation.
* Debbie will ensure minutes are provided quickly to the GOV team.
* Ben discussed next steps from Visioning Meeting. Yesterday was easy to create vision, now to give it legs.
  + What are our next steps?
    - Craig said we need to prioritize and rank the areas
    - Tom asked did we need a separate meeting to prepare for the first, second, and third things to tackle.
    - Tom would like to see us doing several things at the same time.
* Ben discussed the district hinting at the $65K matching grant that is available and that we need to come up with a plan then communicate that goal.
* David recommended we look closer at some of the areas and get some costs.
* Discussion about task teams/committees to work these.
* Craig wants to pick the team for Online Presence and be the champion for that vision.
* There will be three separate teams; Family, Online Presence, and Curb Appeal.
* Discussion about who we provide feedback to the congregation – task teams report back to GOV Team – then GOV Team communicates to the congregation.
* Craig encouraged GOV Team to talk it up.
* Tom asked for a champion for the Family task team.
* The three team leads will get direction from the champion then come back to GOV Team with plans.
* When are we envisioning this – we need to come up with milestones or timeline for various decision points.
* \*\*During the December meeting we approved getting a quote for the AV – Emily has reached out the Bob Williams for a quote for the sanctuary.

\*\*The Youth Director Housing was a carry over from December that we did not discuss\*\*

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| **Action Items** | **Person Responsible** | **Due Date** |
| AV Quote | ?Emily? – we need a GOV Team Rep | NEED |
| Form Task Team for three Vision areas | Craig – Online Presence  Anita – Curb Appeal  Tom – Family | Feb 27, 2023 |
| Youth Director Housing | Cindy | Jan 31, 2023 |

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# Pastor Ben closed in prayer.

**Next meeting: February 27, 2023 6:30pm**