

Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ

Governance Council Meeting, May 9th, 2018

Present: Lisa Choate (Moderator Elect), Casey Fannon, Jeanine Derr, Mary Grossnick, Lee Alekel, Lori Mosher

Ex-Officio: Tim Tutt (Senior Minister), Jan Stohlman (Clerk)

Absent: Trey Holloway (Moderator), Mary Hallward-Driemeier

Lisa Choate called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the Library.

Spiritual Practice

Jeanine Derr led a discussion on Chapter 4 of the book, A Failure of Nerve.

Review and Approval of Minutes and Clerk's Report (April, 2018)

Motion 18 GC-08 Approve the April minutes and Clerk's Report

Motion: Casey Fannon Second: Lori Mosher Vote: All in Favor

Financial Review

Total current assets is down due to payment of construction expenses. In the review of the Budget versus Actuals, there was nothing notable.

Stewardship

Pledges are generally from people coming to church. How do we reach people that are not attending? Trey created a visual "Westmoreland in Action" to be put in the bulletin. Lisa made a draft calendar and schedule of stewardship activities, for the rest of 2018. The draft will be modified and added to. Lee volunteered to do a Stewardship Mission Moment on August 5th.

The following Stewardship suggestions were discussed:

- 1) Seek out "new voices." Ask, "I love this church because..."
- 2) Governance Council should be the Stewardship committee with a spearhead.
- 3) Facebook: Question to church members, "what means the most to you when thinking about the church?"
- 4) Bulletin cover: Ask our children, "What is meaningful about church to you?"

- 5) Another word for Stewardship
- 6) Summer on the Circle, devote to Stewardship issues—Round Table discussion, “why do you come to Westmoreland? What is the future of Westmoreland—your vision?”
- 7) Liaisons to the boards/committees discuss stewardship at their meetings
- 8) GC take over monthly Mission Moment in Church.

Lori posed the questions: “What is the goal of Stewardship: participation, increase number and amount of pledges. What is our vision?”

WCC Board Meeting

Westmoreland Children’s Center is looking for a person from the church to serve on their board for a period of two years. They will appoint that person.

Active Shooter Training

Decision was made to not take action at this time.

Other business

Greg Perla has sent a letter to GC regarding Tim’s annual review. Greg also wrote a tribute to Janet Moyer who is retiring in June, 2018.

The Westmoreland Directory needs to be updated.

Director for Church for Middle East Peace (CMEP) will be speaking at Westmoreland on May 20, 2018. GC will discuss any action to be taken at June meeting.

Lisa closed our meeting in prayer at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Stohlman (Clerk)

