



GUM CHURCH

Our vision is to actively live the example of Jesus

Governance Board Meeting Agenda
December 19, 2022 | 7 pm
Library

In attendance: Karen Ambs, Dan DeZwaan, Doug Barry, Kelly Goward, Sue Kremkow, Marie McDonald, Shaun Skibinski, Karen Strickland, *Sherri Swanson, *Michelle Wood (*non-voting member)

1. Devotions

Kelly opened the meeting in prayer.

2. 2023 Budget Proposal

Prior to the meeting, Kelly emailed the board 3 separate budget documents including the November financial report, the original staff requests and the final budget recommendation from the Finance Committee. Karen A. attended the Finance Meeting in December and summarized that essentially, we are spending more than we're bringing in. Seven people were at the finance committee meeting, and all were in agreement with what is being proposed.

Some things to note:

- We have a Special Giving Fund where individuals have designated funds to go to specific area. Department/committee heads have not been using these funds. In order to help decrease the budget, those funds will be used prior to withdrawing from the budgeted funds.
- If Governance Board makes significant changes to proposed budget, it would involve reducing staff.

MOTION: Shaun made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 budget as presented.

SECONDED: Karen S. seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Incident at Jenison High School

A request came from a member of the congregation that the Governance Board address the issue of racist behavior that occurred during a basketball game between Jenison High School and Wyoming High School.

How do we proceed with addressing the issue?

Some thoughts were:

- A statement posted on our website.
- Consider the language and resources that First UMC in Holland (www.funchoolland.org) has on their website.
- Brief statement now and more permanent statement after the new year.
- Caution on being reactionary to this incident.

Consensus that the Governance Board would like to move ahead with action and it will be put on the agenda to address in early 2023.

4. Closing Prayer

Sherry closed the group in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wood
Governance Board Secretary