Bothell United Methodist Church Governing Board Meeting 13 February 2018

In attendance:

Governing Board Members Present:
Patsy Ethridge-Neal (Chair), Rev. Joseph Kim (Lead Pastor), Aaron Keating, Ji-Young Kim, Chi Cornell, Cynthia Dickman, Grayson Holmes (Vice Chair), Mary Morral, Ron Kreizenbeck

Guests:
Sarah Llewellyn (recording secretary), Rev. Sarah Casey, Rev. Kristin Joyner, Rev. Erv Roorda, Rev. Dave Orendorff, Jeff Staley, Courtney Pazan, Shelly Ainsworth, Doug Will, Tim Smith

The meeting was called to order after completing the Charge Conference Proceedings

Devotion
Pastor Joe built on last month’s devotion, this month looking at Exodus 36:1-6. After describing that the temple builders said the people had brought more than they could ever need, Pastor Joe stated, “what a problem to have”. He asked us to think about what we are building as the governing board of the church and to focus on the purpose for what we are building. He concluded with prayer.

Approving Decisions from January Meeting
Patsy called for approval of decisions made in January’s meeting

Motion A- Second site budget funding
*Vote called, motion discerned*

Motion B- 2018 budget
*Vote called, motion discerned*

Pastor’s Report
PJK noted the staff presence in the meeting and he highlighted the Lenten study beginning Sunday, Feb 18th 12-2 pm. He noted the staff are focused on Purpose, Goal, and Practices of the church, and asked that the Governing Board also keep these in their minds as they discern. He also reminded those present that Pastor David is done 3/31.

Reconciling Ministries Team
Patsy highlighted the packet of information on RMT and noted this discussion is a carry-over from the previous Governing Board

Courtney and Jeff were present as RMT representatives

The previous Governing Board had presented 3 initiatives presented to the RMT to take leadership in pulling together:

1. Support our Pastors who show support for Bishop Oliveto
2. Start a PFLAG (parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays) site here
   - Patsy noted that the goal was to offer a safe site for this
3. Public statement allowing for support of Pastors in this congregation if they are willing to perform/celebrate same-sex weddings

Courtney adds a request to increase BUMCs opposition to the exclusive statements in the Book of Discipline. She said they hope to work with other churches and create a social network for churches that may or may not want to identify as RM, but do want to present a statement of opposition to the Book of Discipline.

There was discussion about GBs authority, especially in allowing Pastors to perform same-sex marriage and using the sanctuary. PJK noted that the GB would not give permission, but support the...
pastors should they choose to perform. No one present had heard of disciplinary action called against a church. Jeff noted that they brought this packet of information to the new GB to revise as requested by the GB last year. It was discerned to push this topic to the March meeting and asked Jeff and Courtney to clarify the exact statements in the Book of Discipline that are being opposed so that the rest of the congregation can be made aware. There is a table-talk session at Edmonds UMC 3/28 “Discerning the Way Forward” with the Bishop present to prepare for a special general conference in February of 2019 to address the possible division of the UMC.

Generosity
Shelly presented current financial status. She has been reviewing the various items in the budget to identify areas that have not been used in past years. January budget is up a bit due to yearly donations fulfilled. She said the procedure change for cards used by staff seems to be working well and the accounts are almost fully transitioned to Banner Bank. We will have a better idea of dedicated elevator funds in the next couple of weeks. The foundation funds did well and the scholarship and endowment funds are covered. Aaron asked about looking past a 1 year budget to address the deficit presented last month. Ji Young noted the difficulty in that kind of forecasting, but that Generosity has been looking at this and is hoping to get a better idea of finances after first quarter numbers in. Shelly noted that Pastor David has been working with Generosity on these types of projections. Patsy asked that Generosity bring some of the spreadsheets they have been working on in March, then in April after Q1 numbers are in, the GB can talk about whether this subject can be covered in a meeting or if it should be taken to the retreat. Chi offered thanks to Shelly for all of her work in this volunteer position.

Facilities
Ron said that the kitchen appliances are showing their age. He has put in a proposal to the endowment fund to purchase a new stove, but the rest of the kitchen also needs work. He noted the tree trimming around the property is complete.

Personnel
Reimbursement Policy
Patsy closed the meeting for SPR but asked Shelly to stay for financial questions. The reimbursement policy was discussed. Grayson presented the revisions to the Googledoc.

Patsy called for a vote
Motion to approve the reimbursement policy was discerned

Approval of minutes
PJK said he will present the retreat notes for approval when they are ready. Patsy said that the minutes from January do not need approved since a quorum was not met based on prior charter. She also asked that GB members check and follow up on email regularly.

Closing Blessing
PJK closed by asking GB to be diligent on email and go in peace.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Llewellyn