Attendees: Grayson Holmes, Candace Larson, Marty Howell, Mary Morral, Patsy Etheridge-Neal, Ji-Young Kim, Eric Trott, Cynthia Dickman, Susan Porter, Ron Kreizenbeck, Gary Wagar, Monette Racho, Bill Price, Pastor Joe Kim

- **Decision:** Minutes from the 4/23/2019 Governing Board meeting were unanimously approved with no changes
- Grayson Holmes provided a devotion related to his recent trip to the Holy Land

**Pastor Report**

- See separate report. Highlights included below.
  - Overview of recent trips to UMC conferences and of upcoming Annual Conference
  - Ongoing assessment/audit of each of the 3 weekly worship services (River first, then Wings, then Roots)
  - Prospective launch of Creative Team over summer – still looking for people
  - New Youth and Community Engagement Director (Drew Hogan) recently started
  - Hospitality gathering on May 13 went well; follow-up scheduled for July 1
  - Planning for upcoming Small Group program for 2019-20
- Pastor Kristin led a lengthy discussion about plans for church outreach and development, including potential sale of church property and acquisition of property in downtown Bothell (with support of local governments) as a way to do ministry in the broader community. She explained that these plans were a desire to be a more missional church and to account for the demographic changes in Bothell.
  - The Governing Board discussed the proposal at length, weighing the potential pros and cons of such an approach.
  - Ultimately, the board affirmed Pastor Kristin's missional goals and encouraged her to explore these plans.
  - Although the discussion addressed the practical aspects of such a shift, it was acknowledged that everything is preliminary and that any proposed sale and/or purchase would need to be approved by the Board at a later date.

**Action Item:** **ALL Governing Board MEMBERS** – Read chapter 3 of Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation before the next meeting.

**Facilities**

- Gary Wagar gave an update on the work of the facilities team, highlighting the following items.
- They are about to start the process of renegotiating rental contracts with various facilities. Many of the entities have had constant, nominal rents for years, and the hope is that some of them will be able to pay slightly higher rents going forward. They also are in the process of negotiating a new contract with the preschool program.
- The security contract is up for renewal. We have been unhappy with our current provider and likely will explore other options.
- The team has been dealing a number of irrigation issues around the property.
• The Islamic Council of Bothell, which has been renting the church for its Friday services, is planning to donate a tree to the church as a form of thanks. The facilities team is exploring options about where to plant the tree.

Generosity
• See monthly report.
• We have been doing deficit spending to date. The generosity team is exploring ways to increase giving, particularly during the typically leaner summer months. They plan to provide a fuller update on where we stand, and on possible future actions, at the next meeting.

General Matters – Mission/Purpose Discussion
• To facilitate decision making and better define the role of the Governing Board within the church, the board is going through the process of defining mission and purpose statements.
• Eric presented a discussion of possible mission and purpose statements for the Governing Board, focusing on an array of similar statements from boards at other UMC churches. (Copy of presentation attached)
• Overall, the board favored the content of the Chapel Hill UMC example, but preferred it be in more of the streamlined, bullet-point format of the Manchester example.
• **Possible Action Item:** The board is considering whether to set up a general Governing Board email account so that congregation members can submit thoughts and concerns.

Personnel
Personnel discussions are closed per the Book of Discipline.