Bothell United Methodist Church - Governing Board Minutes
Aug 27, 2019 - 7:00 – 8:30 PM - Lounge

Attendees: Candace Larson, Bill Price, Ron Kreizenbeck, Grayson Holmes, Monette, Sue Porter, Eric Trott, Patsy Etheridge-Neal, Cynthia Dickman, Mary Morral, Pastor Joe Kim, Ji-Young Kim
Visitors: Pastor Casey Banks, Ron Johansson, Barbara Wong, Shelly Ainsworth, Dave Orndorff

Minutes Prepared By: Candace Larson
Next meeting: September 24 @7PM

- Devotion and opening prayer by Cynthia – Psalm 121
  - Song of Ascent
  - Sometimes we forget but God is always awake. We sleep, we forget; but God is always there. Even when bad things happen to us, God is always our support, always watching over us
- Decision: Minutes from the 23Jul2019 Governing Board meeting were unanimously approved without changes

Pastor’s Report
- How can leaders make decisions and lead without intentional faith development (8 Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches) – how are you intentionally growing your faith and how do those we serve see the fruit of our growth? Use this as a reflection point as we set a focus and plan for next year
- See separate report. Highlights included below
- **Action item for GB:** GB members to attend at least 1 of the Bothell Urban town hall sessions
- River service surveys are complete; interviews and analysis ongoing
- Breeze is underway; small group leaders are being trained
- Small Groups – **Action item for GB:** all leadership to participate in small groups
- Updates from Nominations – GB applications kickoff on September 8
- Community serve day – what does it mean when less than ¼ of the congregation doesn’t engage?

Facilities
- Youth room is being renovated – SHHH! It’s a secret!
- BURban – another plug for GB to attend; regular meetings are going well.
  - Discussion of vision as well as logistics
  - Come and listen and bring your ideas
- Group meeting to discuss what can be done with the kitchen? Major renovation might be needed. Stay tuned.
  - BCK has met to determine the need
  - First step likely to get options from a designer
  - Good time to look at the overall function of the kitchen

Generosity
- Bill and Pastor Dave spoke to current financial situation. See latest financial reports.
• Large portion of time at the retreat to be dedicated to budget
• Still at a deficit, looking forward to the Fall numbers

**General Matters**

• October 12 – Fall retreat (tentative) 9:00 – 3:00
  o Agenda in development: will include visioning, budget, and personnel

• Discussion of BUMC Focus for 2020
  o Objective: state a focus for staff to set goals for 2020 (will be church-wide)
    ▪ Provides directions while allowing the latitude for staff to work within their
      programs
  o Potential theme for 2020: Become more generous
    ▪ Generous with your funds
    ▪ Generous with your time/service
    ▪ BCK, BUrban
  o Thoughts on Becoming more generous?
    ▪ Some concern was raised about the connotation with the use of the word
      “generous” or “generosity”
    ▪ Others felt that decoupling the word generous from finances is a welcome change
    ▪ Why are we so uncomfortable with the word generosity?
    ▪ Other thoughts to pull “love” into the statement: Love Generously, Love well
      through generosity, Love is Generous
  o Future – August is a perfect time for GB to set the theme for the coming year
    ▪ Gives staff time to review the past year as they consider and set
    ▪ September series will be about identity and how we see ourselves
    ▪ January is the launch of the focus for the year
  o *Action item for Executive committee*: continue to work through this feedback and will bring
    recommendation to the retreat
    ▪ Theme to be rolled out to staff after the retreat

**Personnel**

• Per the UMC Book of Discipline, personnel discussions are done in closed session.
PASTOR’S REPORT

- Personal Updates
  - UW Certificate in NonProfit Management

- Eagle’s View
  - Búrbán conversations moving along – Pastor Kristin leading these conversations. Next steps in the conversation: Congregation Focus Sessions – 9:00am on 9/7, 7:00pm on 9/12, Noon on 9/17. Please attend at least one.
  - I am currently working with staff to assess and audit each of our three worship services. Soon, we will seek input from the congregations of each of the services. Surveys from River Service are done – Pastor Casey is working to schedule one-on-ones with those who marked their interest this month.
  - The Program Staff and the Finance Office has transitioned to using our new church management software – Breeze. All staff have been trained, and we will be setting up trainings for the leadership of our ministries.
  - Meetings with Outside Groups regarding rent have begun – Northshore Co-op Preschool (NCP) and EastSide Mother’s Club are done. Both have increased not only in rent, but participation. Northshore Youth Enrichment Program and Center for Human Services are next on the list.
  - Small Group signups are coming in. Currently, there are 75 signups across the 20 groups – this is consistent with trends. We will be making an additional push these first two weeks of September.
  - I am planning to lead a 4-Week Study every other month on the topic of what it means to be Methodist. In the midst of all that is happening in our denomination, I think it is important for us to get to the fundamentals of what it means to be Methodist, how to understand Wesleyan theology, and how might God be leading us forward. Each 4-week study will be limited to 20 people, and I will continue this until everyone has participated or there is no more interest. The plan is to begin January 2020 – all Governing Board members will be strongly encouraged to join any of the first three offerings (January, March, May).
  - Looking at two styles of Community Gatherings for 2020:
    - Leadership Gatherings: 5 throughout the year. 1st, 3rd, 5th be GB/NomLDT led; 2nd, 4th be clergy led.
    - Quarterly Church Town Halls – GB led?
  - New Membership Classes will be second Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm with desserts.
  - Nominations/LDT will finalize applications by the end of August for 2020 Governing Board – Gary Wagar resigned, Aaron Keaton resigned.
  - Looking at On-Site Hospitality Teams/Greeters for Conferences and other events
    - BOOM Gathering: November
    - August 2021 – Nexus [1.5/2nd Generation Korean-American United Methodists] Conference at Bothell!!

- Pidgeon’s View
  - Vacation Bible School was a blast! Close to 100 kids experienced Christ’s Love for them here, and multiple families have stayed engaged beyond VBS, i.e. movie night and Sunday morning.
  - Sermon Series are being formed for the rest of the year. Sept. 1: Power in the Pause; Sept. 8-29: [theme: belonging]; Oct 6: World Communion Sunday; Oct. 13-26: Harvest; Nov. 3: All Saints Day; Nov. 10-24: Generosity (what prevents us from Generosity?); Dec: Advent through Isaiah
  - Can we explore a Monthly Governing Board Newsletter? Breeze would make this possible.
  - Community Serve Day was great. Online devotion engagement was good. About 75 served in the community (double from 2018)
  - YTD Average Worship Attendance: 360.7 (375.5 YTD in 2018)