

Hood River Alliance Church

Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2022 Governing Board Meeting

Joe Rinella, Anders Sorestad, Jim Pennington, Bob Spotts, Kaylene Baker, Ilea Bouse, Marty Miller, Steve Miller and Eric Bokovoy were present.

The meeting was opened at 7:08PM by lead Pastor Steve. It began with a sharing from each individual present on their summer events, travels and experiences thus far into summer. Steve then gave us a reminder of the spiritual needs we have and in the church with a reading from Ephesians Chapter 5.

Minutes:

With a correction to the meeting minutes from the June meeting, for the removal of any specific names of church body members when not necessary to include a name, Jim moved to approve them and Eric seconded. The move was passed and the minutes then accepted.

Treasurers Report:

Anders indicated giving for the month of June was at \$28,000 and down very substantially compared to both June of 2021 and to the current monthly budget. Church staff has done a good job of holding the line on expenses. Just due to the timing of deposits, deposits were up compared to the May deposits, but funding is a problem. Anders will report back to the church body at the end of July. Kaylene moved to accept the report, Bob seconded the motion and the treasurers report was passed.

Transition Team:

Steve indicated he was pleased with the last Monday meeting that had been held on July 11. He had showed a video on church governance that seemed to get a positive reaction from the group. The goal of holding the third church summit on August 14 is still possible, but also may need to be pushed back. Some discussion among Governing Board as to dates and goals for beginning a search for a new permanent lead pastor ensued. Steve emphasized the first need is to finalize governance and forming a search committee is dependent on it.

Discussion then evolved to a discussion of potential hiring of a Youth Pastor, the search committee for this is already moving forward, but thus far only 2 resumes have been received and one of those, lacking solid potential. The search committee has a plan to interview the other – a local candidate – in the near future. This also moved the discussion into current staff considerations and staffing needs for the church in the future. There was emphasis on any potential hiring for a youth pastor needing to possess strong discipleship skills who can equip people for ministry positions and teams.

Elder Report:

Joe reported the elders and working thru a training book on eldering and the elders have also begun participating in the Transition Team meetings.

Deacon Report:

Eric reported our rehire for general building maintenance had given notice and will leave the position at the end of July. But he has done a nice job of taking care of needed maintenance and the building is in good shape for the coming next several months. The gym floor is still scheduled for maintenance in August.

Deaconess Report:

Deaconess Nancy Rinella was not present, but did report in, that there is nothing new to report.

New Business:

The discussion was centered on updating church Bylaws and policies and procedures. First – Bylaws, and discussion on 3 options for governance structure. The reminder is the 3 options are “templates” and can be changed before being finalized. The focus was on the single board system, with a majority of elders. This was compared and contrasted with our current 2-board system comprised of an elder board and a Governing Board. There was discussion on Ecclesiastical Authority and what it is. Governance Information present at the meeting was obtained from district members of the CMA only included governance for “developing” churches, whereas we are an existing church and that governance piece was missing in our information packet. A big part of the recommendation for change relates to how the governance board would relate to church staff if adopted. A final point was made to allow the congregation to read new and proposed changes before voting on changing current bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned.