

# Hood River Alliance Church

## September 20, 2022 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Pastor Steve Miller, Ilea Bouse, Bob Spotts, Jim Pennington, Kaylene Baker, Anders Sorestad, Eric Bokovoy and Tina Combs and Marty Miller were present and Gregg Coruso joined via Zoom.

Steve opened the meeting with a scripture reading from Isaiah chapter 30.

### Minutes

With a small correction to those present for the August governing board meeting, Eric moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim and the minutes were approved.

### Treasurers Report

There was some discussion on deposited amounts for the month not matching the giving amounts. This was explained by Anders as a function of the dates the funds are received near the end of the month, versus not always being deposited in the same “calendar” month. But referring back to prior month and deposits, they do actually always match. Move to accept the treasurers report was then made by Marty, seconded by Ilea and the report was accepted.

### Transition Team Report

Steve discussed and explained to the group a change in leadership, with Gregg Caruso now coming in as the intentional interim lead pastor for the church and will also be the lead for the Transition Team going forward. He talked about apostle Paul’s writing in Corinthians relating to struggles. He reminded us we are renewed by God, in coming to Christ we are reconciled to God and we re-engage into the Gospel. In the midst of struggle, God is at work.

Steve asked us to be in prayer for these things: the upcoming Sunday morning class series on “One Another”, the rebuilding of community and hospitality within the church body and also prayer for a desire to hold an informal night of prayer and worship on an upcoming Friday night at the church.

We have discipleship, and governance to maintain our efforts toward, pray about those things.

### Elder Report

Jim gave the report from the elders, we will within the coming days provide Steve his performance review. One or two of the elders have met with Tina to discuss community groups. Also, the elders will follow-up with the children’s ministry advisory board.

## **Deacon Report**

Eric reported the prior month was a good one for receiving help with moving furniture in the gym for the resurfacing of the floor, at the river baptism and also for a funeral service. Still to be done – organizing work parties for painting the west side of the building, completing work on the ark and for residing Mod 3.

## **Deaconess Report**

Written report in from Nancy Rinella who gave praise for work well done in providing for the recent funeral service.

## **Nominating Committee**

It was noted Kaylene will be stepping off of this committee and we will need to replace her. Suggested names were Marjie Grant, and Jackie Wimmers.

## **Youth Pastor Search**

Steve reported one new application has been received. Also, the search committee has been informed of the change in the Intentional Interim Pastor change. Discussion evolved to include children's ministry. Eric suggested a staff to "oversee" volunteer groups who would be highly involved in these ministries, but not shouldering the entire load as a staff person.

## **New Business**

Gregg Caruso discussed that his goal coming in as the new Intentional Interim Pastor is to listen, but not talk, to help build consensus, needs for some teams and more connection opportunities. He'll be meeting with Monty – District supervisor for CMA to hear him. Added goal is to be responsive. He is working on a place to stay, a need for a car, wanting his wife to be able to come to the area for visiting also and he anticipates a rhythm of staying for 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays of each month, but nothing definitive on that as yet.

## **Tina Combs**

The group welcomed Tina back from her sabbatical. She identified her desire for more opportunities for preaching, to get community groups back into action along with discipleship and developing leaders. She did say overseeing lay leaders can actually be more challenging than overseeing staff and with that, so she does not believe her job responsibilities coming back will be any less than what they had been when the church had more people on staff. Lots of structure and attention is needed for the worship ministry in particular. She is happy to be back and desired to have a job description and work where her giftings will be useful.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:50 PM