

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Governing Body (GB) Meeting Minutes
Oct. 23, 2018

In attendance: Debbie Gregg, Rev. Wendy Bruner, Gary Boehnke, Sarah Webster, Patty Pelikan, Jenn German, Ben Allen, Jeff Davis

Absent: Joe Kelly, Cindi Myers, Bob Karr

Debbie opened the meeting by asking attendees to provide personal updates and then she said a prayer.

Partners in Building Conference - Debbie recapped the Partners in Building Conference which she, Patty and Wendy attended. The focus was on how churches can serve their local community, and basics of strategic planning were covered. The UCC Church Building and Loan Fund sponsored the gathering. The key takeaway: we need to be clear about our vision and mission before making big decisions/future commitments. Patty added that each congregation has its own character and that this should guide its future. This prompted a discussion of what PUCC has done in the area of strategic planning. It has been two years since the last strategic planning process. The vision and mission were last updated in 2007. Wendy mentioned that a church must live the vision and mission, and we need to be intentional when thinking about mission and vision. Debbie mentioned that the Waldorf decision to leave the 212 building will impact our planning.

Anniversary – Sarah welcomed teams to contribute ideas. Debbie mentioned that the anniversary is an opportunity to support the mission and vision.

Mission/Vision – We discussed the importance of vision and mission in doing God’s work in the world and contemplated next steps for revision. We would like to have a new or revised vision and mission in place in several months and will include congregational discussion in the process. Different ways to engage the congregation in providing input on the mission/value were discussed. Timing for the mission/vision process and the “shared space” statement development was discussed. This will be revisited next month.

There were no minutes from the previous GB meeting to approve.

Financial report – Ben led a discussion about the type of information provided in our regular reports. The discussion then turned to trends in pledge giving vs. other contributions and other issues.

Additional discussions were held:

- The status of pending initial budgets was briefly discussed.
- There will be GB calendar that will be posted online
- The need for an estimated \$35,000 in sewer line repairs was discussed by Patty and Gary. The money is available in the capital fund.
 - A congregational meeting will be held to explain the issue and the congregation will vote on a motion to make the repairs. A possible date for the meeting is Nov. 25 between services – this will be explored.
- Jeff will open and close the next GB meeting, which is on Nov. 27

Debbie made a closing prayer.

It was moved and seconded to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis