

Little River United Church of Christ

Governance Board Meeting

July 9, 2014

PRESENT:

Tom Ross, Moderator

(absent), Moderator-elect

Linda Anderson, Past Moderator

(absent), Clerk

(absent), Treasurer

Rob Peters, Stewardship Comm.

Ben Northrup, Board of Trustees

Jackie Shaffer, at large

Steve Carr, at large

(absent), at large

Rev. David Lindsey, Senior Pastor

Jean Wheelock, Personnel Comm.

Tom called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

June 11, 2014 draft meeting minutes were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. **Passed**

REPORTS

Moderator: There will be a governance board meeting on August 13. The moderator will be away and will touch base with the Moderator-elect to chair the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. David Lindsay was officially welcomed by the Moderator. Board members introduced themselves and spoke of what they found special about Little River. A brief review of the Senior Pastor's first ten days was presented.

The Budget process for 2015 has been under continual discussion and review. Tom will be working closely with Stewardship. Boards and Committees will be asked for budget estimates by mid-August for review by the end of August by a larger group.

There will be a full Council meeting on September 10th.

There will be a discussion with the governance renewal committee in September to discuss and review the next steps.

The Mission Board meeting was reviewed briefly.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

Rob Peters provided an overview of the 2014 Stewardship Campaign including strategies, communications plan and planned activities. Enthusiasm for the Committee's work and for Rob's leadership was expressed.

Jean Wheelock discussed the work of the Personnel Committee to date. They have been working on the draft of a handbook and discussing the role of a Personnel Committee at Little River. There is a need for policies and procedures and job descriptions common to all who are employees of the church.

Tom discussed possible elements of a mission statement for the Governance Board which envisions our roles as coordinators, evaluators, as well as responding to Committees with leadership and oversight, communicators. Who has authority to approve different works of the church, and how are checks and balances for all church work demonstrated? Rev. David asked how the missions and charters of Committees and Boards fit into Little River's mission? Tom asked us to consider possible ways to express these elements in a formal statement.

Rev. David offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Carr, at large.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 13