



Minutes of the Governing Board Retreat
Tuesday, August 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm – Community House

Present: Janet Bolton, Karen Cheung, Chris Dolan, Jeff Groen, Larry Kane, Jackie Riffice, Mike Rogers, Shari Sweeney, Lois Glasgow (Foundation President)
Staff Present: Julie Van Til, Betsy Hanzelin, Jamie Ford, Travis Adams, Dawnn Brumfield, Amie Laven, Brooke King-LaBreck, Rob Calhoon

Governing Board photos were taken outside by Brooke King-LaBreck to update our website.

CONNECT

Dinner was shared around tables, and individuals were encouraged to answer two questions ... “Who was your favorite teacher and why? And “Why you said yes to this call or job”. Introductions were made around the room, sharing the answer to the second questions.

EXPECT

Janet Bolton led discussion of what expectations she has for Governing Board and what we feel we are being called to do this year.

- Work well with staff
- Serve as cheerleaders and champions for all ministries
- Rebuild Boards and Committees (post covid)
- Honor our Governing Board Covenant

Sign up lists were shared for GB members to sign up to be a Liturgist in the Fall, provide closing prayer for meetings, be a Ministry Spotlight, Meet with Janet, and confirm contact information.

Jamie Ford & Betsy Hanzelin led discussion of church administrative and organization items that will help Boards and Committees function well. (Calendar, room reservations, communications)

EXPRESS

Pastor Julie discussed our values, looking back at some things that were mentioned through our Appreciative Inquiry process in Fall 2021.

Staff gave examples of the Two-Minute Highlight/Hope/Story that we hope GB members can provide each meeting. Part of how we express ourselves to the community is done through our Logo and Branding. Brooke King-LaBreck presented her proposal for our new look.

The Leadership Staff was invited to leave following the presentation.

BUSINESS

Three items of business were presented to the Governing Board for approval.

- Branding – Janet Bolton made a motion to approve and bless the new direction for our logo and branding that Brooke proposed. The Board unanimously and enthusiastically approved the motion.
- Personnel – Mike Rogers made a motion to approve the hiring of Rev. Dr. Dawnn M. Pirani Brumsfield as our new Pastoral Care Associate. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
- Faith in Action – Jackie Riffice made a motion to approve World Central Kitchen and Chicago’s Night Ministry as recipients of the 2022 World Communion Offering. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Concluding the Business portion of our gathering, Holy Communion was shared. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.