

Thursday, September 30, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Governing Circle (GC) Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Moulder, Elizabeth Love Sheehan, Libby Fitzgerald, Jane Harper, Rick Eichstaedt, and Claire Cerling-Matlen, and Sara Bauer (via Zoom)

Guest(s): Marie Bjork (via Zoom) – Finance Circle Leader

Finance Circle Report

Marie shared about the financial state of the church's finances. No concerns currently. The finance circle, at the request of the governing circle, researched local credit unions. The finance circle vetted Numerica, Umpqua, and STCU. They came to a consensus decision of their recommendation of Numerica. Due to the need for a physical address for mail the finance circle is asking if we can, for a reasonable fee, use the physical address of where we rent space from as our official address.

ACTION – Linda will meet with Space Regathering about the address proposal.

Numerica was unanimously approved by the GC – Rick will report this to the Finance Circle.

Consent Agenda

1. Retreat minutes
2. Circle appointments
3. New members

The consent agenda was unanimously approved by the GC.

GC 2021 Goals/Aims Updates

GC members shared updates about their aims.

New Aim: Amend Articles of Incorporation and 501 C3 application – Rick Eichstaedt (due date?)

Note from Linda/Rough timeline of high-level timeline

Linda spoke to our collective exhaustion and depression. She also, expressed urgency to move forward as to not lose people. The rough timeline as follows:

Fall – Vision and Mission first

January – Strategic Plan finalized in prep for planning meeting with CC

February – Annual Planning Session (inbuilt benchmark)

March/April – Finalize new draft of bylaws

June – Annual meeting

Regathering Space

Bethany and UCC were discussed as potential regathering spaces. There was concern expressed about the location of Bethany, being on the South Hill near Rockwood Retirement Center.

The GC unanimously recommends that the space regathering circle go back and look at both locations.

ACTION – Linda will take this back to the Regathering Space Circle.

All Church Get Together

The GC unanimously decided on Sunday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m. for an all church get together in upper Manito.

The topics/goals for the meeting are as follows.

- What does the congregation want us to work on for 2021-2022?
- What are your feelings/thought about meeting in person?
- Mission/Vision work
- Quarter time minister? – Chalice lighters funds

Quarter-Time Minister or Chaplain

Should the congregation consider hiring a quarter-time minister? Soul-Weavers will not plan in person services.

What we would want from this person:

- Meet in person once a month.
- Be available for pastoral care.

ACTION – Reach out to Pastoral Care Circle

Meet with our UUA Regional Representatives

Summer Albayati and Sarah Millspaugh

GC would like to meet with our regional reps to check in with them about our congregation and the following topics:

- Quarter time minister.
- What is their advice about what we should be doing and when?
- GC determined that our availability is a Monday at 3 p.m.

ACTION – Linda will reach out to Sarah and Summer to set a meeting time.

Paper Letter

GC discussed the idea of sending out a paper letter from the GC to the entire congregation. This was proposed by congregational member Lannie Mac Andrea. The goal of this letter would be to touch base with every member of INUUC and give a brief update about GC activities.

Soul Weaving Service Attendance

GC reviewed the Soul Weaving Service attendance records, provided by Sara.

1.0 GC Governance Policy

GC reviewed Linda's proposed edits to the 1.0 GC Governance Policy.

All edits were approved unanimously.

Rick proposed inserting the GC Mission as 1.1 – approved unanimously.

ACTION – Linda asked if GC role duties can be listed in the Governance Policy. Rick will report back.