

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Present: Mara Sprain, Will Jernigan, Monica Youngman, Melissa Himelein, Susan Andrew, Ben Fleming, Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson

Guests: T Kay Browning, Matt Farris

Start	Item	Details
6:00	Call to order	The meeting was called to order by Mara at 6:13 pm
6:03	Opening words & Chalice lighting	Mara provided opening words.
6:05	Go-around [sharing]	Everyone discussed if they are planning to participate in the General Assembly this year and if they are interested in being a delegate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mara, Matt, and T Kay are planning to attend GA and be a delegate
6:05	Consent agenda [acceptance]	The consent agenda below was accepted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2025 meeting minutes Sharing ministry (Rev. Audette's report) Q' Pasa (Rev. Claudia's report) Revised charge for Mission and Vision Task Force (our original charge was not clear for the TF; executive council re-worded)
6:20	FUNraising report [action: answer questions]	Read report and be prepared to discuss Board responses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. Audette will follow up with the team to answer logistic and technical questions Rev. Audette noted that due to staff schedules questions that come in late Thursday or Friday will likely not be answered until Tuesday. If you get questions into the staff by Thursday there will be a quicker response.
6:22	Updates from Rev. Audette	Rev. Audette providing staffing updates. With upcoming changes we need to make sure there are multiple eyes on the budget.
6:30	GA Delegates: Baltimore, 18-22 June [Discuss]	The Board reviewed the GA information on website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will have 9 delegates and need to start identifying them. Remote "business only" option available. Youth proposal from Jen: Need adults to share

		<p>driving of 3 rental minivans for 10 youth and 4 adults (not chaperone once at GA). Any folks who will be sharing driving will need prior vetting, so we will need to act soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth may also fill a delegate slot. • The Board also needs to decide if we would like to ask the delegates to vote the will of the congregation or vote their conscience. • Susan Foster has contacted Claudia and is interested.
6:45	Board composition changes [Discuss]	<p>Resignations of Kay and Phil. See email 3/9/2025 from Kay; Phil's linked here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed whether to fill Phil's position before the end of the year • Procedurally we do not need to refill • Will did announce that he will stay on for another 3 year term • Gene Lamberth will be the new chair of the Mission and Vision Communications Team. Mara will serve as the Board liaison. Rev. Audette also noted that they appreciated the update to the charge. • Will has offered to serve as the Vice President through this year and stay on through the next year with Mara. Monica is willing to stay on as Clerk through next year. • Offer the rest of Kay's term to Ken Brame and then have him on the slate for a 3 year slot. • Mara will follow up with the LDC about Ken and Will.
7:00	Next Steps on Board priorities [Work session]	<p>The Board reviewed the previous discussions on the Board priorities. Previously the Board brainstormed what needs to be done for each of the priorities and this has transformed into a Gantt chart to track who will lead these activities and when they will be done. The Board walked through all the high and medium urgency action items to identify leads and timelines.</p> <p>There was not enough time to complete this work, so a virtual meeting was scheduled to continue the discussion.</p>
7:45	Meeting observations	<p>Process and Collective Liberation reviews. The Board recognized that it was difficult to include the person who was virtual.</p>
7:55	Closing words & Chalice extinguish	<p>Inspiration for the future</p>

The Board also held a vote on filling Kay's seat for the FY and that result is documented [here](#).