

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
January 19, 2016, 6:30 PM

Trustees Present: M Garvey, A Khanna, MJ Cross, S Axthelm, L Shannon, K.C. Senie, H Aibel, J Turmelle, Rev J Morehouse

Trustees Absent: T Croarkin

Visitors: C Harrington (Legacy), S Sankar (Nominating & Leadership Development), D Adams

Meeting called to order 6:33. Trustees checked in. The Board welcomed its newest member, K.C. Senie, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lyn Hamilton. No observer comments.

Consent Agenda: **MJ Cross, S Axthelm moved to accept Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

December Board minutes & Speaker Fund Request approved.

Sr. Minister report, B&G Committee report, Lift schedule, December financial dashboard accepted.

Legacy Planning Committee: C Harrington reviewed the plans for Legacy Giving and the Legacy Society. **S Axthelm, L Shannon moved to enthusiastically approve the creation of a Legacy Society. – Motion passed unanimously.**

Unrestricted Legacy Gifts Policy: A Khanna, C Harrington presented the pros and cons of where unrestricted legacy gifts should go.

S Axthelm/L Shannon moved that, unless otherwise restricted, LS gifts should be put in the Endowment. 6 for, 1 abstain – motion passed.

Finance Policy Questions: J Turmelle led a general discussion of areas of concern throughout the policy.

L Shannon. S Axthelm moved to table the discussion and to focus on specific proposed changes each month. 6 for, 1 abstain – motion passed.

Policy Study Session: Metrics & Measurements -L Shannon requested deferring this discussion until February, due to the lateness of the hour.

Communications (MJ Cross): Thanks you's – Legacy Committee.

Soundings article plan: February - financial & stewardship; March - introduce revisions to the Constitution; April – B&G picture of next year or two; May – meaning of membership; June - Ministry and Governance wrap up (progress toward goals for this year and plans for goals next year).

Town Hall schedule: March 6 – Canvass, COM; April 24 - open; May 29 - Budget/finance preview.

Member Count: MJ Cross, L Shannon moved to reflect in the board minutes the fact of a member count error in the 2105 Annual Report, which would reduce our actual 2015 count by approximately 10%. Passed unanimously.

New Business: none.

Old Business: Constitution Task Force – update in February.

Review progress on 2015-16 Goals – February.

Executive Session: L Shannon, MJ Cross moved to go into Executive Session – passed unanimously. J Turmelle, MJ Cross moved to go out of Executive Session – passed unanimously.

COM appointment: The board agreed to request a meeting with the NLDC so that we might understand each other better and work together effectively.

S Axthelm, MJ Cross moved to leave the COM position open at this time, so as to have the opportunity to communicate in a wider fashion to the congregation the need to fill this position and to request candidates come forward – passed unanimously.

L Shannon did process observation. Trustees did assignments and checkout. MJ Cross offered closing words.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted.

Mary-Jane Cross, Board Clerk