

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Location:	Room 101 - North Campus
Date:	February 26, 2025
Time:	7:00 PM - 9:00 pm
Attendees:	Jenn Short, Martha Livingston, Dwayne Ackley, Charlie Boltwood, Chris Dusseau, Randy Rocke, Rose Konrath, April Howe, Lois Zook, Amanda Levell, Mark Hollinger, Dan Davis
Ex-officio attendees:	John Girard, Glen Miles
Guests:	Bill Morrison
Absent:	Jim Hutchins, Kristyn Anderson

Agenda items

1. Call to Order - Rose Konrath
2. Devotion - Jenn Short
 - a. Jenn read a reflection “Do Not Look With Fear” by St Francis De Sales
3. Review the Importance of Confidentiality - by Rose Konrath
4. Gov Bd members each shared one experience of gratitude reflected in the church during the past month - led by Rose Konrath
5. Introduction of new Governing Board members - Rose Konrath
 - a. Chris Dusseau
 - b. Martha Livingston
 - c. Amanda Levell
 - d. Randall Rocke
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Chair report
 - b. January 2024 Board minutes
 - c. Operations Report

- d. Housing Allowance for Clergy
- e. April Howe made a motion to accept the consent agenda
- f. Lois Zook seconded the motion.
- g. An affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Financial Report

- a. 2025 Budget was presented
- b. Mark Hollinger made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget.
- c. Randy Rocke seconded the motion.
- d. An affirmative vote was unanimous.

8. Old Business: Review of 2024 Goals by April Howe

9. New Business:

- a. Election of Treasurer
 - i. Motion to accept Mark Hollinger as 2025 Treasurer by April Howe
 - ii. Jenn Short seconded the motion
 - iii. An affirmative vote was unanimous
- b. Board Norms / Expectations discussion led by Rose Konrath
- c. Committee Assignments were distributed by Rose Konrath

10. Senior Minister Report - Glen Miles

- a. Glen recently attended the 2025 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Large Church Pastors' Conference in TX. Keynote speaker was Jos Park, CEO of Horizons Stewardship.
- b. Conference takeaways:
 - i. The economic situation of this country does not necessary affect the church's ability to raise money.
 - ii. Americans have more non-profit entities competing for their money, so competition for donations to churches has become more intense.
 - iii. The primary key to increased giving to the church is seen in an increase in engagement in the church's mission and ministry.
 - iv. Numbers in the church represent real people. The church is about people always.
 - v. The church's mission must be connected to generosity.

11. Financial information was shared in response to questions posed during and following the 2025 Annual Meeting.

12. The Board moved into Executive Session

13. Closing

- a. Rose Konrath adjourned Executive Session
- b. GB members shared their joys and concerns.
- c. Glen led a closing prayer.
- d. Meeting adjourned by Rose Konrath

Key Takeaways

- 1. New Board members were introduced and welcomed
- 2. 2025 Budget was approved
- 3. Mark Hollinger was elected Treasurer
- 4. Glen shared church giving trends
 - a. The church's ability to raise money is not necessarily affected by the economic situation of the country
 - b. There are more and more non-profit entities competing for charitable contributions in the U.S.
 - c. Church members are more likely to increase their giving when they feel more engaged in the life of the church