



Shadow Rock Board Meeting May 17, 2011

Attendees: Cindy Gattorna, Joe Botticelli, D.C. Davis, Liz Curry, Barb Geer, Brian Anderson, Mike Hensley, Michael Lee, Judy Brengi, Roy Zaborowski, Bert Acken, Howard Boice and Linda Merritt

President Cindy Gattorna called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Cindy opened with the centering thought on leadership from Good to Great.

Consent Agenda – Cindy presented the consent agenda. Barb moved and Joe seconded to approve it as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Pastor's Report – In Rev. Ken's absence, Cindy presented the updates.

Youth – the SWC programs are set to continue through the summer. The golf tournament had 80+ golfers, but the final result is not known yet.

SWC Annual Meeting – There was no one in attendance at the Board meeting that was at the SWC Annual Meeting, but it is believed that the bylaw changes were approved. Cindy will check and see if they are on the website.

Budget Update – Joe said that based on the numbers from the first four months, there is about \$10,000 more income than originally expected. This includes the LOC payoff. \$8,500 is expected from the Pick A Party or other type of fundraiser. Originally, the deficit looked to be about \$62,000, now it appears it will be more like \$42,000. If it is decided to fund the deficit to give the Growth Task Force time to work, then we do have an agreement with the Preschool to borrow the first \$25,000 from them with an interest rate that is between what they are currently earning and what we would pay on the LOC. Barb asked if we would be asking people to pay ahead for July as we have done in the past. Cindy replied that there is a letter planned and in the works. Roy wanted to know what direction we would be giving to Financial Oversight and the Growth Task Force, feeling it needs to be more specific. In discussing this, several points were made:

- We would not be expecting to balance the budget this year. The Growth Task Force will not be a magic bullet – it will take longer than that for the Growth Task Force's efforts

to show results. However, we hope that the end of the year might be an evaluation point to see how the project is progressing – does it look like there will be sufficient results from their efforts to continue on this same path, or will it be time that we have to make cuts.

- A couple of people felt that the direction had been given already to FO and for the GTF.
- The Stewardship Team has had the responsibility for fundraising, but we have not had much of a team since they broke off from Financial Oversight.
- Roy asked what picture do people have for fundraising? Answers included: a catch up campaign, fall pledge campaign (there used to be more emphasis on this), rummage sale, farmer's market or something else that would pull in money from outside our congregation, and Pick A Party, which Cindy has volunteered to run this year, along with help from Barb Geer.
- There was support for presenting a deficit budget even from a couple of people that were previously very much against it.

Nominating Committee Report – Roy stated that we still needed candidates for members-at-large. Only the one opening for the 2013 class had been filled. He had two back-ups from the meeting on May 1st to call, but needed more names to add as possibilities. We discussed the names on his May 16th e-mail, which came from the open nominations process, and came up with a list, which Roy will contact. He will ask the Board for assistance contacting these people, if needed.

Congregational Meeting – It was agreed that the Congregational Meeting would be held on Sunday, June 26th, at 8:30AM. Cindy will talk to Rev. Ken about whether to meet in Smith Hall or the Sanctuary.

Board Work – Growth – Cindy said that Julia Acken agreed to be part of the core GTF, and Lori Hoke said she would lend her marketing expertise, but could not take a leadership role. Brian and Mike will call a meeting of the core GTF before June. Mike feels that there needs to be a brainstorming session, so several ways to go about that were discussed. The possibilities included using the congregation during the service instead of having a sermon. Some felt this was too many people, although doing breakout sessions would help. People could be contacted via e-mail to gather thoughts, and the third way was to get a smaller group together. Brian suggested that questions to be asked might include: what brought you to Shadow Rock, what keeps you here, and what don't you like about Shadow Rock? Cindy will send Brian and Mike the list of other people that were under consideration for the GTF and they will work on recruiting the rest of the team. She will also resend the priorities from the last retreat. Cindy asked if they needed anything from the Board, and if they did in the future to be sure to let us know, because they would have the full support of the Board.

Misc.

Liz noted that the installation for Rev. Diane Thomas would be on the afternoon of June 5th, and there would be carpools up to Dewey.

Cindy McWhorter is taking over the Whole Life Center responsibilities from Marilyn Rampley, with Lorene Shipley handling the financial end. There was \$500 seed money set aside for the WLC, but they didn't need all of that and have paid back most of what they used.

The comments on the drumming session during the May 15th service have all been positive.

The next meeting will probably be at D.C.'s house as it was last year. There will be a short business meeting, since we have to finalize the nominations to be presented at the congregational meeting, then we can party. Please bring snacks and drinks to share.

Liz moved and Howard seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.