

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE OF LIFE CHURCH THAT WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

The meeting was called to order and we opened up with prayer.

The members took turns and went around the table to introduce themselves, discuss why each was excited to be elected a part of this team and what each felt they had to offer. Members also shared personal reflections and experiences surrounding what had happened with our church body over the past several months and years, and gave personal perspectives on how our governance structure played a role. All felt honored to be given a vote of confidence by the congregation, and understood the gravity of the task appointed to the committee.

Much discussion was given to how the committee should approach the review of our current governance construct and the associated by-laws. Comments included:

- The Word of God needs to be the “plumb bob” that grounds all of our deliberations
- We don’t want to swing the pendulum to the other side of the spectrum
- We need to seek the proper balance between orderly governance and a framework that is open to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- We need to be open and transparent in not only the decisions we make but also our decision-making process
- We need to incorporate appropriate checks and balances into our governance structure

The issue was raised that if the elder elections take place shortly after congregation approval of the by-laws, the initial steps of elder election process may have to be executed prior to approval of updated by-laws. If this timeline holds, the committee discussed the need to work with the Transition Team regarding the process for vetting and nominating elders for the board during the period preceding the congregation’s ratification of the by-laws.

To facilitate amicable resolution of issues such as the above between the teams, the committee discussed the value of having a committee member sit as a representative in future Transition Team meetings, as they intend to do at our meetings.

Governance documents from Harbor Church and Substance Church were shared with the members for review. The committee requested that Dave create a new, or leverage an existing, cloud-based folder for the governance team to upload and share documents to facilitate our work. He agreed to set something up for us.

Upon motion, the committee approved defining a quorum as 2/3 of members present to conduct official business.

Upon motion, the committee approved its leadership team as follows:

- Chairman – Matt McGuire
- Vice Chairman – Dave Fournier

- Secretary – Todd Broyles

Upon motion, the committee approved the next meeting for Oct 30 at 6:30PM in the church. In preparation for the next meeting, members were asked to individually create a “laundry list” of issues/topics each would like to see addressed in the by-laws revision. The intent is not to entertain solutions yet, but just begin to scope out the depth and the breadth of the issues that the team should consider. Todd will consolidate the responses and disseminate to the committee for the next meeting.

The committee closed in prayer and, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Broyles  
Secretary