

Guidelines for “Open Microphone” at Meetings of the Board of Trustees

We, the leadership of your church, need to hear your opinions and ideas. We offer a time at the beginning of each regular Board meeting for you to share what's on your mind.

Any member of the congregation may address the Board during the “Open Mic” period.

You may speak on any church-related topic that interests you, except personnel matters, which are not discussed in open Board meetings, even by Board members. We ask you to speak respectfully.

You may speak, uninterrupted, for a maximum of three minutes. It may be helpful to plan your talk in advance.

Board meetings are tightly scheduled and can accommodate only those speakers for whom time has been set aside in advance. To reserve time for your comments, please contact the Board of Trustees President by the Monday before the Board meeting, which is regularly held on the third Tuesday of the month.

The Board is interested in what you have to say. The Board will listen attentively and consider your opinions in its decision-making process. However, the Board will not respond to or take immediate action on issues raised during the “Open Mic” period.

If you wish to make a more formal presentation or you are seeking a specific action from the Board, please fill out a Board Agenda Request Form (available in the Volunteer Room or on-line). Under Policy Governance, the Board's role is strictly defined and you may be directed to another leadership body in the church. We are eager to be of assistance so do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to all. Please come and observe any time. Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in Bard Hall.

The Board President will assign appropriate Board Trustee or Staff to follow up with any issues from the Open Mic session. The full Board of Trustees is then notified of any action taken at the next Board meeting.