



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2018

Kathy Breazeale Pastor John Bell
Mary Terrell Wally Loague
Roger Curless Bruce Lawrie
Regrets: Bruce Lindgren, Fred Neumann

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayers were shared for Bruce and Meredith, Shallah, the country of Zambia and the Board of Global Ministries, Lois Scott, Josh, the new school year for Joe & Kari and our Nursery School.

What do we need to accomplish in our time together today?

Asset Based Community Development Conference will be Oct. 31st-Nov. 1 @ DePaul University in Chicago. Last year's was very worthwhile. John would like to see another group go this year.

A discussion was held about changing all of our restrooms on all floors into family restrooms (vs. women and men). Many other commercial facilities have this now. This would make our building all-inclusive. The only changes needed to be made would be signage (both male & female figures in single sign), plus reminders to lock doors when in use and door handles with locking mechanisms on inside that release when you leave. The vote was not unanimous, but a consensus was reached to institute these changes.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign will begin Nov. 1 for 4 weeks, centered on a "Cloud of Witnesses".

A Clergy Spiritual Growth Leave request was presented by Pastor John as delineated in Paragraph 351.3 in the Book of Discipline. It would be a 16 week leave beginning Apr. 22, 2019. Logistics were discussed. We have 3 retired Clergy, Staff and several lay persons who could serve for Sunday preaching responsibilities. There is a line item in the budget for guest speaker honorariums. Visitation of members could be handled by Carol Stoffel and her Congregational Care Team, the Retired Clergy and/or Governing Board Members. Administration tasks and duties would be handled by Jenny Pawlowski (Administrative Coordinator). Ministry and programming would all be planned with the Staff before the leave begins. John would talk to the families involved in Funerals and weddings planned before the Leave to discuss his officiating. A list of all other tasks were discussed.

The Governing Board, acting as the SPRC as a whole voted to accept this Pastoral leave request. It will be signed and sent to then District Superintendent.

Breakfast with the Governing Board is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 9:00. Details and tasks will be arranged through group emails.

Ministry Updates

Finance

Ann Merk has agreed to be the Church Treasurer beginning Sept. 2018. The Governing Board unanimously elected her to this position. In October we will have a detailed discussion and review of all church finances. If you have any questions before then, contact Jenny Pawlowski in in office. We have not had to withdraw any monies from the Endowment Funds, but are slightly behind in our Apportionment payments.

Mollie Foster, full time Discipleship Coordinator, is entitled to reimbursement for her insurance expense. Her plan that will cost \$582.00 per month. Bob McKnight moved we allocate these funds. The motion carried.

Capital Campaign

The pad is waiting for the new boiler, which is being custom built for our building. There are new water pipes in the kitchen – no more brown and yellow water. Work is progressing on the basement leakage problem and the new Nursery School flooring.

Endowment Committee

At the last meeting, detailed discussion was held on the brochure that is being prepared to go out to the Congregation. Goals for a 7% increase was discussed. Strategies of investment were discussed along with Socially Responsible Investing.

Strategic Planning Taskforce

This group met and discerned that the Connector process needs to be enhanced. 1st As new visitors are encountered, they should be asked about their interests and suggest a group for them and introduce them to the group leader. The office is pricing out a new Data Processing software (as suggested by John Laster at the Governing Board Retreat) that will be able to do a much better job of tracking visitors, putting people into groups than can then be emailed, attendance tracked, asking communication preferences. The goal is to move 1st time visitors through to membership. At our upcoming community block party they hope to gather information on everyone by offering door prizes with entry info including family data. We need some more small groups.

Other

School Supply Distribution served approximately 385 kids. There were 22 volunteers, ½ from Wesley, ½ from community. The church will be gifted with a new coffee machine and different coffee. A new Worship Series will start in September themed “On the Mend” about healing. On our wish list is the ability to put John’s sermons on the Website.

Every staff member and regular building users will have a Walkie Talkie so that anything going on in the building (emergencies/intruders, etc.) can be transmitted to everyone at any time. Comcast will be installing security cameras that can be checked on phones and computers. We will be getting Welcome Signs in 8 different languages.

A statement about the harassment issues at Willow Creek and our policies at Wesley will be sent out to our congregation. We have sexual harassment and grievance policies and procedures in place and we will listen to concerns and complaints. This will be published on our website.

Mary Terrell closed the meeting in prayer.

NEXT MEETING: After the 9:00 Breakfast with the Board on Sept. 8, 2018

