



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2019

Kathy Breazeale	Jim Merk	Bob McKnight
Roger Curless	Bruce Lawrie	Pastor John
Wally Loague	Mary Terrell	

Worship – Pastor John asked us to reflect on what community is. Responses were circle of family and friends. A group that has a common goal. Our wider city. A group that supports each other. In all community there are levels of interaction and support varies. Not sure you know it until you see it and feel it. Based on geography or virtually. Online. Community changes with maturity and life. It could be the block you live on, your job. Community bring people together physically and Mentally. No one is left out – inclusive. In all human beings there is a need to socialize (including online). Social media is a community but can also be polarizing.

Pastor John led us in a shared Confession of Sin.

Minutes of our last meeting are posted on the website.

Discussion of the June Conversation with the Board. Those that had issues and needed to be heard were heard. Finances were not a big issue, but the bathroom and the Lord’s Prayer were. The takeaway was that we always need a voice on the Board that will say when needed – How will this affect the congregation? John will also include the coordinators in these discussions. Those items that are brought forth that are brand new and could need collaborative efforts will be presented to our people for input and some discussion. This could be in special meetings, or during small group or ministry meetings.

Proposal for Facility Changes

Remodeling of the chapel was discussed. At present it is not accessible, used mostly for storage and is not usable for many dynamics. Removing the pews, purchasing very nice cushioned stacking chairs and putting in new flooring could create an additional flexible worship space plus offering 5 different modes of a meeting spaces. Using prepared drawings Wally brought, 5 modes of use were looked at. The monies for this remodeling would not come from the operating budget. Fine Arts is planning a fund raiser, persons could be asked to “buy a

chair” and from the sale of the pews. Jim Merk will open this discussion with an announcement this Sunday about a meeting and presentation coming up showcase all the options and plans.

Staffing Options

Pastor John, Karrie Rigaud, Lin Waid and Kathy Breazeale had a meeting to design the process of determining what is to be done with the position of Discipleship Coordinator. A Sept. 8th meeting after 2nd service has been set to gather input from parents of children and youth plus contacting adult education to survey everyone’s wants and needs and levels of volunteer participation.

Governing Board Retreat Sept. 14, 2019

We will be meeting at the church at 8:00am. Members will bring breakfast items and lunch will be catered in. We will be discussing the directions and options open to the larger Methodist Church at this time. Also, on the agenda, setting realistic Financial goals, Trustee and Endowment items and staffing. We will decide our Goals for the year. Roger and John will meet to set agenda.

John shared his reflections on his Renewal Leave. It was a very worthwhile time for him. Roger suggested he write an article for his peers about his time spent and how he maintained his connections to our church.

Our Annual Church Conference will be Sept. 22, 2019. Since it is so early, no reports or budget items will have been prepared or available except for setting the Pastor’s compensation. It will be an hour meeting with the District Superintendent. The SPRC subgroup of the Board will meet with the DS prior to general meeting.

Mary Terrell closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting is the Retreat on Sept. 14, 2019