



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

February 24 ,2019

Kathy Breazeale

Pastor John Bell

Bob McKnight

Roger Curless

Bruce Lawrie

Regrets: Bruce Lindgren, Wally Loague, Mary Terrell

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastor John led us in prayer for our denomination and the upcoming General Conference. We also prayed for the Connell family, Roger and Bob.

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

The Governing Board is studying together "Having Nothing, Possessing Everything" by Michael Mather. The topic of book is his path in discovering Asset Based Community Development and how to apply it to his ministry. We discussed how it may apply to Wesley. He was pastor at the inner city Broadway Church in Indianapolis, IN. Broadway's building was a "cathedral" as is ours. We have a different history, being a neighborhood church, rather than inner city, but the problems and possibilities are the same. We discussed the possibility of sending a neighborhood newsletter and finding the right people to make connections to the people in the neighborhood. We also think we could qualify for a grant from the Dunham Fund. For next month we will read chapters 3 & 4.

Finance

A discussion was held on a year to year comparison and cash flow.

Upcoming ABCD training Sunday March 3,

There have been phone calls made to many people to invite them. There will be one service at 10 followed by potluck and work with our facilitator from DePaul University, Dr. Terry Bergdoll.

Congregational Letter

Roger is working on letter to the congregation that will explain our process of dealing with the giving trends that were stated in our State of Church meetings. We will be establishing a Taskforce to look at all methods of revenue. We will be realigning our Endowment fund investing and usage, we plan to pay 100% of our Apportionments, replace the monies borrowed from our Fund Accounts and finish the year paying all bills. Then we will assess the whole process for the next year.

Pastor John's Spiritual Renewal Leave

John has arranged for a retired Pastor, Bill Obalil, who has served in Geneva, to preach 12 out of the 16 weeks he will be gone. Bill we also be available to meet with the staff 2 times a month. A meet and greet will be arranged for the staff and Governing Board on March 25, 2019. Other details will need to be worked out, i.e. who will visit new visitors.

Quarterly Brunch with the Governing Board

The next Brunch will be Saturday, March 23.

Roger Curless closed the meeting in prayer

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY MARCH 25 @ 2:00 PM.

