



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

January 4, 2021

Bob McKnight	Kathy Breazeale	Mary Terrell
Roger Curless	Pastor John Bell	Dian Wiley
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	Jessica Garza

Worship –We each lit a candle at home. Wally began the meeting in prayer and asked God to guide us as we begin this new year and the challenges it may bring to Wesley church. We Prayed for Shirley McKnight and Ruth Ann Little.

Minutes – The minutes from the November Board Minutes have been posted. We will approve the Minutes from the Annual Church Conference at the next meeting.

New Members – Dian Wiley and Jessica Garza were welcomed as the newest members of the Governing Board.

Administration Preferences- New member Dian Wiley has chosen to serve with Pastor John and Roger Curless on the Finance subgroup. Jessica Garza has chosen to serve with Kathy Breazeale and Bob McKnight on SPRC. Wally Loague, Mary Terrell, and Jim Merk will continue to serve on Trustees. These subgroups come together for voting as the Committee of the whole.

Finances – A review of the submitted budget was made, comparing 2020 budget to 2020 actuals and the projected budget for 2021. Due to the pandemic our expenses for 2020 were down in the programming area. Building expenses were down slightly because of less utilities being used. Personnel expenses were slightly down. The 2021 Budget was adopted with the contingency that it may be amended after the upcoming Stewardship Campaign which will be completed in February. This pending budget was adopted. Requests for a copy of this pending budget should be made to Jenny Pawlowski in the church office. Also, the Board will be seeking input on how to do a review of the financial processes.

Pastor John stated that our money counters have not been able to come into the building due to Covid restrictions. New volunteers are needed to be counters and begin safe procedures. Jessica volunteered to be a counter.

Stewardship Campaign - the 2021 will begin Jan. 24. It will be a part of our Epiphany worship series, "We are listening". 60 sec videos will be prepared using Congregational members. Commitment Sunday will be Feb. 14. Wally, Jim, Bob, and Jessica volunteered to help introduce the campaign.

Capital Campaign – Wally will put a congregational update in the newsletter.

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Congregational Calling – Another round of calls will be made to check up on our congregation after the Stewardship Campaign is completed.

Apportionments – For the 1st time in many faithful years, Wesley does not have the funds to pay our Apportionments in full. A decision was made to pay \$12,500.0 out of our \$20,000.00 cash on hand towards our apportionments balance.

The Board discussed many issues with how the Northern Illinois Conference is making decisions and its current administration. The Governing Board voted to direct any apportionments paid in 2021 to be divided between the six General Church funds. All our apportionment payments will directly support the ministries of the general church. Roger will prepare a letter from the Governing Board to the congregation and a letter to the District Superintendent on the decision and will invite the superintendent to meet with some of the Governing Board for any additional clarification.

Boy Scout Charter- Before we renew our Charter with Troop 11, John will be checking with our insurance and the Conference Risk Officer.

Tuesday Prayer – Pastor John reminded everyone that we have Zoom prayer every Tuesday at 11:00. After the live taping, it is posted on Facebook. He reminded us how important Social Media is now. He encouraged us to “Share”, “like” and “comment” what we like to our friends on all our social media venues so that Wesley’s message can out.

Planning Areas – A review of this list showed that we have done something in all these areas. We will be scheduling a planning meeting to develop planning areas for 2021. This meeting will include the coordinators.

Roger ended with a Prayer at the Start of the New Year from the Mennonite Church.

Next Zoom meeting will be February 1 @ 6:00 pm