

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2019

Kathy Breazeale Jim Merk Bob McKnight
Roger Curless Bruce Lawrie Mary Terrell

Regrets:

Wally Loague, Pastor John on Renewal Leave

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Roger opened the meeting with the Scripture 2Chron. 20: 15-17. Do not have fear, do not be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the Battle is not yours – but God's.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

Minutes of the last meeting are posted.

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

The notes taken at the June 23, 2019 Conversation with the Board were reviewed. 5 people spoke about their concerns in using a different Lord's Prayer. The question was raised as to the definition of the Traditional Service. It was felt that those attending the 1st Service were taken unawares by this change. The other issue is how do we be welcoming and friendly to everyone, not just in handshakes and smiles, but making them feel comfortable in Worship. The question is how do we keep faithful to traditional ideas and be welcoming at the same time? According to the Methodist Book of Discipline, the Pastor is responsible for all areas of worship. The Pastor and the Worship Coordinator will be receiving all the concerns and will value everyone's input. We affirm that the Worship Core Committee and the Pastor will take the feedback and work with the Staff to make sure that all our meetings and worship will be invitational to all people.

We feel that we have found a direction to proceed with having a bulletin insert with a Traditional Lord's Prayer on one side and another, changeable version on the other side. Our People will be instructed to pray what they most feel comfortable doing.

Roger will seek to have a discussion with Thew Elliott concerning these issues. Kathy will contact Meredith.

A discussion was held about the changeover to all our restrooms being family or non-gender. After the discussion about the feedback that has come in, it was decided to direct our Trustee present, Jim Merk, to make the following changes. The previously single use men's room on the main floor will keep the change and remain an all gender use restroom with an inside dead bolt lock. A way needs to be found to have several keys close by in case of emergencies. There will be a sign added that there is a single use men's restroom on the lower level by the gym. The previously single use women's restroom on the main floor will reverse it's change and again become a single use women's restroom with no deadbolt. The sign will be changed to reflect this.

A discussion was held about our phone system and the inability to change the voice mail message. Jenny Pawlowski has now figured out how to do that and will make the necessary changes.

A discussion was held about our sign out front and the missing "S" on Sunday. Roger reported the key to the case is missing and no one is sure where it is and who has it. Before the option of forcing it open is used, the search will continue for the key.

A discussion was held about the large rainbow flag attached to the front of the church. It is not seasonally strong to remain there all year. Jim will need help to get it down for storage. Roger will talk to Jenny about ordering a flutter flag to fly in our Peace Garden with all the other welcome flags.

A discussion was held about upcoming Capital Campaign upgrades to sound and possible visual aids in the sanctuary. The Trustee committee members were instructed to do their research and come up with a process and recommendations that will then be presented to the congregation for feedback and explanations of feasibility before any final decisions or applications are made.

Wally Loague is out of town and we were unable to discuss the question of monies pledged and received and used for the Capital Campaign.

We will discuss questions raised about the Children's Ministries and programs after Roger and Kathy meet with Mollie Foster in the next few weeks.

Bob McKnight suggested we make available in some form the history and stories of our organ and are stained glassed windows. This information should be in the office. Would it even be possible to have this information on our website? It would be a great way to make this information known to visitors on the website and those that come through the doors.

Financial

Roger was tasked with sending a letter to our 6 new members asking them to pledge out the rest of the year.

Long Term Planning Retreat

Due to member conflicts, the date of this retreat has been changed from August 17th to Sept. 14th. Kathy will call the Aurora Public Library to reserve the room. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Closing

Roger dismissed the meeting with prayer and these thoughts. The Governing Board is a microcosm of our congregation. How do 8 or 9 people do this? We were called by God to be a part of this Board – not nominated or elected. How do we know God is working in us and thru us? Because we are as diverse in our prayer and our disagreements and our tensions and our celebrations and interactions as is represented in all of the congregation. What we do does make a difference!

Next Meeting will be Monday August 26th at 1:00 pm.