



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN PERSON

June 22, 2021

Bob McKnight      Kathy Breazeale      DiAnn Wiley  
Roger Curless      Pastor John Bell      Regrets: Mary Terrell  
Wally Loague      Jim Merk

**Worship** – DiAnn led opening worship by sharing The Social Justice Testimony from the Religious Society of Friends. All Quaker testimonies spring from the belief in the sacredness of the whole creation, including anti-racism, community building, equality, integrity, love, optimism, peacemaking and social justice. Without social justice there is no peace. She also shared a prayer, “Draw Breath” a poem by Geoffrey Weeden. Breathe in the quiet purpose of this place, breathe out the busy world, breathe in communion, Breathe out at last, to God, the heart’s full thanks.

**Minutes** – The May minutes are posted.

**Report on limited re-opening Summer Worship.**- 23 people attended, watching the service on the new monitors in the Sanctuary. Communion was served outside and was live streamed on Facebook. This will happen again in July. August 22 is the targeted date for in-person reopening. Pastor John commented that it felt good to be together and will be glad when we can do that weekly. We will continue the online services.

Roger would like to thank the Re-opening Task Force for their work. Protocols for children in the building have not been set yet. These have not been finalized by the state and CDC.

**Social Media Sharing** – Pastor John reminded us that the more we “share” and “like” and “comment on” what the church puts out on Facebook and Instagram the more traffic is generated and the more broadly our posts are showed and shared. Please remember to do this.

**Lay Members to NIC virtual Annual Conference** – we are in need of 2 members to represent Wesley on July 16 and 17, 2021 – all virtual attendance. Several names were suggested. Roger suggested this need be mentioned in our regular Friday Enotes to the congregation. Roger noted that the Memorial and Retirement sessions will be taped and shown separately. The Finance portion will be held on Oct. 2, 2021

**Staff Parish Report** – Shawn Moore, our new video/media tech will begin working July 1. Kathy sent a birthday card and gift card to Michelle Curiel for her birthday. It was suggested that in September we have a Staff Appreciation effort to recognize everyone’s over and above efforts during the Pandemic. The whole congregation will be invited to participate.

**Finance Committee** – the next meeting is coming up. Pastor John will coordinate the date.

**Trustee Report** – There are ongoing slate damages to the roof. The most inexpensive one has been fixed, but there are places over the organ room where there is more severe damage. The ceiling in that room has collapsed and debris is in the pipes. 6 of these registers will have to be pulled, cleaned and stored until the ceiling can be repaired. The initial estimates are \$15,000 to \$20,000. In order to do this, we may have to have a small financial campaign to ask people to contribute extra towards these costs. We can make an appeal to the congregation with pictures. The suggestion of adding some solar panels at this time was discussed. Pastor John said the Oak Park Church has gone all “green” and they would be a resource to us. They have said they would be willing to talk to other churches about what they have done.

**Endowment Fund** – A \$25,000 transfer will be made so that Jenny has cash on hand to manage several maintenance issues coming up in the downstairs kitchen and request by DCFS for the Nursery School to install a hot water heater so that their bathrooms have hot water. The toilets in these bathrooms are also seized up and don’t flush. Also, the emergency light batteries have died and need to be replaced, and the handicapped door openers (which recharge when used) need to be worked on. We are finding many issues that have been caused by non-use of the building for a year.

**Congregational Welcome Back Communication Plan**- John will have Jenny issue an updated, divided directory to members of the Governing Board. Personal choice of email and or phone calls will be made to everyone to check in on how our congregation is doing and giving an update on our Re-opening progress and other church news. John will produce a prompt script for the Board.

**Challenge** – Wesley is more than worship on Sunday. Our challenge is to be different when we reopen, think about ourselves in different ways. It seems that church is in a “time out” and what will happen when we are released from the corner?

John closed the meeting in prayer at 8:00 pm.

**The next meeting will be August 17 at 6PM – In Person. Kathy will be responsible for worship.**