



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

March 1, 2021

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

Worship –We each lit a candle at home. Roger opened the meeting with a reflection on the Church Scatters, from Acts 8:1-3. After the stoning of Stephen, Paul began to wreak havoc on the church. The church scattered, moved on, preaching the good news along the way. Our church is also scattered at present, but we have lots of opportunities to preach the Good News. We have made some beneficial changes, we are aware of society’s problems, we share in the suffering. Our biggest challenge maybe when we come back together. We then lifted up Charley, Donna’s family, Betty and Doug in prayer.

Minutes – The minutes to the February meeting have not been posted pending congregational notification about apportionment discussions and payments.

Flagpole discussion – Diann Wiley would like to make a memorial gift in her husband’s name toward the purchase of a flagpole for the church. There are many options. The trustees will investigate options, purchase options and places to erect.

Preschool re-opening and fundraiser – Kathy reported that the Pre-School would like to advertise a re-opening Sept. 1 date (West Aurora schools have announced Aug 18). This would be tentative according to Wesley’s re-opening schedule and State and CDC guidelines. Melissa Renaldi, one of the teachers, would like to offer to make custom Easter Baskets as a fundraiser. After material costs, profits would go to the Nursery School operating fund. The school has been paying expenses and stipends to the teachers from reserve funds. Wally noted that the Preschool bathrooms will have to have hot water in the bathrooms before being allowed to re-open. Trustees are looking into this repair.

Review of Governing Board/Coordinators meeting Jan. 23, 2021 – Roger and Kathy will discuss methods to send the Summarized/Categorized listing to this group to choose their top 3 areas and return to Roger for compilation. At the next combined meeting, either March 13 or 20, at 8:30 to 10:30, we will all discuss how we can implement these choices into a working plan for this year.

Stewardship Campaign – John announced that we have received 31 pledges so far, including 4 new pledging units. We lost 2 units who have moved away. There has been an 8.6% increase

in pledges received. There are still some regular givers who have not returned their pledge cards. We all agreed the narrative budget pamphlet was a unique and informative piece of information that was sent out to the congregation. Job well done John and Jenny.

Telephone Conversation with the Congregation – We will be doing this again after the Re-opening taskforce meets. We can then announce upcoming reopening information/guidelines to the Congregation in these calls and ask whether people are comfortable coming back.

Reports

Staff Parish – John reported that specialty Chocolate covered strawberries were delivered to the staff.

Trustees – Wally reported the Endowment fund’s investments were doing well. They are also looking at repairing the Front South Window where plaster is crumbling again. A questions was asked about an insurance claim. Wally will check with Jenny. Jim reported they are still working on the Gym ceiling and lights.

Pastor John – The General Conference has been postponed until 2022.

Other conversations – Jess Garza reported she had a long, productive conversation with Michell Curiel about her ideas concerning Sunday School.

Diann asked if Wesley had ever had a revival. What would it look like to have an outdoor, non-Sunday revival at Wesley? She likes the thought of music and the push to reviving ourselves. Note: 35% of people now work on Sundays.

Kathy mentioned she had a vision of a lot of people eating at “crowded” long tables in the church parking lot.

Jim Merk closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Zoom Meeting April 13th @ 6:00 pm.