



## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 20, 2019**

**Present:** Roger Curless, Kathy Breazeale, Bob McKnight, Wally Loague, Mary Terrell, Bruce Lawrie

**Guest:** Thew Elliott

### **Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Prayer was held: We Answer the Call of Love Litany. Mayor elect of Chicago; Lori Lightfoot was included in our prayers along with all we are doing and all that we face.

Minutes: Approved. Are posted on Website.

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

The question was raised if anyone had received any feedback concerning Pastor John's Renewal Leave? No one has. John is keeping in touch. He will be marching in the Pride Parade.

Discussion was held concerning the two upcoming single service Sundays. June 9<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Pride Parade and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of the Governing Board/Congregational Meeting. They will both be blended services. Planned times will be 9 to 10:15. Congregational meeting should end about 11:00. The question arose about those that teach education classes. Have they been notified? Thew will email Darryl Voitik and Emmy Lou John.

Hospitality assignments for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Coffee – Thew Elliott

Juice – Roger Curless

Fruit – Bob McKnight

Donuts – Bruce Lawrie

Coffee Cakes – Mary Terrell

Veggies and chips – Kathy

Publicity – Roger Curless

### **Upcoming Annual Conference**

Wally and Paula Loague are our delegates. Deb Fisher, Herb John, Roger Curless will be attending also.

### **Governing Board Application**

An application has been received. Roger and Mary will handle the interview. Roger will check with Jonathon Akyea to see if he would consider being the Congregational Delegate for interview.

### **Finances**

Wally Loague reported that the Endowment Committee has met and has re-aligned the investment strategy. We will have 3 categories – Moderate, Aggressive and the Dividends (that are directed to the Operating Church checking account.) We have already seen an increase in the Aggressive category.

Because our Endowment Fund Manager needs specific directions for withdrawals, Wally made the following motion concerning the Endowment Fund usage: In order to pay our monthly expenses, Wesley will harvest all dividends, and then withdraw funds from the Endowment Fund needed to make up the difference to pay our bills as needed and necessary. Bob McKnight seconded. Vote was taken. It was passed unanimously.

The taskforce that has been formed to discover new revenue is investigating a special movie presentation to be offered to the whole community of the Wizard of Oz – with concessions. It will be advertised at the Pride Parade.

### **Apportionment payments**

The Northern Illinois Conference has offered options for paying our Apportionments. Full payment towards the 3 Funds, Support for Ordained Ministry, Mission and Evangelism and Reconnecting the Connection will qualify us to be a 100% church. Paying into the 9% of funds that goes to the General Conference – World Service fund, Ministerial Education Fund, The Episcopal fund, Interdenominational cooperation Fund, Black college Fund, Africa University Fund and General Administration Fund is optional and can be designated if desired. Individuals may also designate their giving to these funds.

The decision was made to support the 3 Annual Conference Funds. Wally Loague requested that we pay our \$54,000.00 in four equal payments - \$10,000.00 per month beginning in August, plus the remaining \$4,000.00 in December. Our special offerings will also go towards apportionment payments, lowering the amounts necessary to be taken from the Endowment Monies.

### **Trustees Report**

Wally Loague reported that we are moving ahead on our Capital Campaign projects, including the railing and lighting in the Gathering Place and installation of automatic door openers throughout the building. A committee composed of John Klatt, Mary Terrell and Jim Merk will be meeting to discuss and plan the upgrades to sound in the Sanctuary. Thew Elliott will also have input.

### **Ministry Areas**

Administration – We now have another paying tenant for the building. The Fox Valley Special Recreational Association will be bringing their young adults to have programs in our Chapel 4 days a week.

Jenny Pawlowski has many things to do and oversee. We are very thankful for her efforts. She enjoyed her spa day that we treated her to.

Outreach – Deb Fisher will take charge of Rainbow Covenant area. Kathy Breazeale is still working on finding a time when those who are interested in the Asset Based Community Development can meet. We will publish that we have the books “Having Everything, Possessing Nothing” that people can take from church office. Thew Elliott commented that once we have some models in place, our people will be able to see it in action.

We closed with a Go in Peace Litany.

**NEXT MEETING Monday June 10 @ 1:00 – Strategic planning**

**July Board Meeting only if necessary**

**August 17 – GB Retreat**

