



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2018

Kathy Breazeale Pastor John Bell
Fred Neumann Bruce Lawrie
Roger Curless Wally Loague
Regrets:
Bruce Lindgren, Mary Terrell, Bob McKnight

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer was shared for John's brother, Fred's brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Phyllis Starke, Bill Moore, Billie Sears, family of Nigel Rhoads, former member Cindy Klempay and safe travels for the 6 women going to the UMW Assembly in Columbus. Praise for Ian Curless and his band and music experiences.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

Work has started on Capital Campaign projects. Asbestos in several places is gone. 2-day Removal of boiler and replacement process is about to begin as soon as bids are finalized. Wally will be keeping us informed.

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

The Pastoral Annual Ministry review requested by the Conference was held with the Board Members present and Pastor John. The overall ratings indicated that Pastor John has exceeded expectations in most all categories. The Board agreed that based on this review, we have in Pastor John Bell, the Pastoral Leadership we need at this time for Wesley and our Single Board Governance administration and visioning work.

The Board agreed that it would be a great source of outreach if we could have the Sunday Sermons on our website, available to all those that wanted to click and listen. Hopefully with the upcoming Worship upgrades that will be made from the Capital Campaign Funds that will be coming in over the next 3 years, this will become a reality.

We will also need to check into our Visioning Areas from 3 years ago to see if we are meeting and accomplishing the goals the church set.

A review and discussion of the proposed 2018 budget was held. Most of the follow up calls for the Stewardship Campaign have been made. Several regular givers have had life changes or challenges and have had to reduce their giving. Overall, we were blessed with an increase of pledged giving. The Endowment Committee is actively working on a plan to encourage more people to give to our Endowment funds. This would increase our total investments and the income derived from them. This in turn would reduce the pledged amounts needed to fund our operating expenses.

The 2018 proposed Budget was adopted.

Roger Curless will be working on a simplified, condensed version of the Budget and regular financial reporting to be made available to the Congregation through the bulletin and newsletter.

Updates

Treasurer: We are still in need of a Church Treasurer.

Dessert with the Governing Board – a time of meet and greet with the Governing Board will be held Wednesday, June 6 at 7pm. The Board will communicate online with each other to decide who will be bringing what refreshments. The information about this meeting should go in the bulletin and the newsletter.

New Members – 8 are now attending a class. Thursday May 24 at 7pm, members of the Governing Board who are available will be meeting with this class to discuss Spiritual Gifts.

Ministry Areas

Co-ordinators – The date of Thursday, June 14th will be a late morning and lunch with the Co-ordinators and the Governing Board to discuss our various roles, responsibilities, visions and questions.

Kathy noted again that our Tuesday Prayer is now focused on our Structure document and the Gathering, Growing, and Going principles and our Core Values.

Acolytes – no one responded to Pastor John's appeal to organize this area for the children and the church. Pastor John will check with the parents of these children to see if they would volunteer.

Coffee – we will be receiving donations of a new and different coffee for our fellowship time between services. We are still in need of someone to make coffee on an ongoing basis to replace JT Connell's dedicated service to this ministry. One of our members has a vision of a coffee bar that would be open and available all day for everyone that comes into the building on a daily basis and also being invitational to our neighborhood. This would necessitate staffing and supplies.

Finance

We need to be very intentional in keeping the congregation informed as to how the progress of all the projects on the Capital Campaign as they proceed. This information, on an ongoing basis will be put into the bulletin and newsletters, hopefully with pictures. Wally Loague has been very busy handling all the bids and vendors for the Capital Campaign projects. We are hoping others will be available for input into the next upcoming projects.

There is some expressed interest from several people in obtaining the ongoing church financial information. People can always call the church office and information can be obtained electronically or by hard copy. Roger Curless will be working on a way to keep this information in front of the congregation in a simplified way.

Other Business

Pastor John shared a short review of the recently released Council of Bishops Recommendation. Three plans were released to all the Conferences, which will have the ability to vote on any of the three. The Bishops recommended plan one. This removes the restrictive language on LGBTQ issues and allows individual Conferences and churches to decide for themselves what they will do. Next February the General Council will take this all under consideration and vote.

NEXT MEETING: The June Meeting will be called if necessary on an as needed basis.