



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2019

Kathy Breazeale	Jim Merk	Bob McKnight
Roger Curless	Bruce Lawrie	Pastor John Bell
Wally Loague	Mary Terrell	

**Worship** – Roger led us in a study of Nehemiah 1:1-11 – The prayer of Nehemiah. Some people make things happen, some people watch things happen, and some people wonder what just happened? Nehemiah’s problem solving:

Understanding the challenge. Received the report from those who came from Judah.

Identified those affected, those who were suffering.

Prayed to God.

Patiently waited for the right time, continually praying

Quietly assessed the situation once he was in Jerusalem.

Pulled together all the ones he needs to rebuild the wall (address the issue)

Does Nehemiah’s model have value as a guide for planning today? How or why not? Have we followed or not followed Nehemiah’s model?

Prayers were said for Marian Dodd, the position of Discipleship Coordinator, Reed’s son, new Lawrie baby, the Mayor’s Office Interfaith panel (John has applied), people in Japan suffering from typhoon.

**Minutes** of our last meeting, which was our retreat are posted on the website.

### **Times for annual Individual Governing Board Members review Tuesday, Nov. 5**

Wally 9am, Kathy 10am, Bob 11am, Roger 12, Bruce 2pm, Mary 3pm. John will ask a person from the congregation to sit in on these interviews.

### **Governing Board Recruitment process**

New Board Members need to be invested in Wesley, a person who has been coming for while. The time of our meetings is not a disqualifier, as this can be changed to accommodate other’s hours. Pastor John has several names he will be contacting. It was suggested we invite people to a discussion group about what the Board does.

### **Updating our planning areas**

1. Chapel – Flooring will be approximately \$9200.00, chairs \$1625.00, new cabinetry \$1000.00. When the pews are removed, and before they are all sold, there are several

places around the church they can be stored. A suggested donation for acquiring a pew for members and friends of Wesley is \$125.00. Pews that are left will be offered to the public for \$175.00 and any remaining ones will be taken to resale shops. Jim Merk will be putting this information in the bulletin. Money received from rentals of the chapel and upcoming fundraising events will be directed immediately back into fund to pay for remodeling expenses. We already have approximately \$3500.00 donated towards this project.

2. Congregational Gatherings – 1<sup>st</sup> one will be Sunday Nov. 3 at 10:00 for a combined service. Pastor John will do a presentation about the UMC Traditional Plan that goes into affect Jan. 1, 2020 and what our options will be. We will have the All Saints Day Remembrance in the Sanctuary and then process into the Gathering place. We will have the presentation, have lunch and then break out for discussion, followed by a closing at 2:30. There will be NO voting at this Conclave, just information.
3. January 2020 – What are we doing as a congregation? Everybody's input will be necessary when and if a decision is required. Our November 3 meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the education necessary to make these decisions.
4. Communication Process – Janie Reynolds is willing to make videos that can be posted on our website – ones that will appeal to Millennials.

5 & 6. Building Community and Energize Worship/Participation. – John would like to get together a Long Range Strategy Thinking group/taskforce that will try to understand what is going on in our community and our larger community. Using prayer and creativity, from this task force would come ideas for these categories. John is looking for names of people to be asked to serve on the short term taskforce.

Roger mentioned (and has sent Board Members a video) about “Christ in Crises”. This is a book he is reading. The author's position is that seeking people don't care about liturgy or formats or classes. It is what a church does that attracts them – do we feed the poor and clothe the naked? What are the needs in our community?

**Stewardship** – campaign begins the end of October and goes for 4 weeks. We will be having home meetings with an informative presentation as we have done in the past.

**Capital Campaign** – Wally Loague reported that \$321,00 out of \$485,000 has been received. \$190,000.00 has been spent. The next projects about to begin are the Sanctuary Sound System and the wrought iron railing replacement in the Gathering Place. Then in spring the lower bathroom, insulation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the sidewalk projects will be addressed.

**Budget Planning** – Pastor John presented a draft budget. Our 2020 budget will be finalized after the Stewardship Campaign.

**Pastoral Consultation** – Board Members that have not finished their worksheets should do so as soon as possible and get them to Bob McKnight to be compiled. The discussion with Pastor John will take place at our next meeting.

**Discipleship Position** – The taskforce consisting of Pastor John, Kari Rigaud, Lin Waid and Kathy Breazeale have met 4 times and a congregational meeting and survey has been done. A recommendation has been made to Separate this position in to 3 areas – a volunteer

Discipleship Coordinator, a part time hire for Children and Family ministries, and a volunteer for adult education.

**Shared space opportunities** – Mary summarized the work she did with a realtor who has toured the building. He stated that all areas on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are marketable. We have to now decide specifics of rental times and dates, which spaces and what client are acceptable for us, our use of Liability and Safe Sanctuary policy and the Fire Marshall requirements. Wally reported that the office that World Relief used is in some need of updating and painting. The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor John.

**Our NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOV. 18, 2019 AT 1:00 PM**