



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

April 6, 2020

Kathy Breazeale

Jim Merk

Bob McKnight

Roger Curless

Pastor John

Wally Loague

Mary Terrell

Worship –We each lit a candle at home. Roger lead us through a responsive Reading from 36: 5-10.

Reflections: People flocked to churches before, now buildings are closed. Before, using social media was driving us away from each other, now it is the only way to be close. Remember those who are sick with the virus and have to get in an ambulance and got to the hospital and no friends and family can be with them. Hang you mask on your rear-view mirror. West Aurora Sports boosters are selling lawn signs that say, “BE proud of your athlete”.

Minutes of our last meeting are posted on the website.

Discussion of YouTube church and activities

We have received positive comments about our online worship and activities. We had 100 views Sunday (with an average of 2.3 per view, that is an estimated 300 people). Our people our helping each other.

Stimulus Fund

Pastor John, Wally Loague, Deb Fisher and Lehka are researching the use of a GoFundMe page for the church. We would like to encourage people who receive their government stimulus fund and are comfortable financially and don't need to use it all would give a portion to this fund. It would be used to help those people that need it from our church and city. An application and payment process would be crafted by the committee. The total amount collected would determine the individual gift amounts.

Discussion of Managing Cash Flow

Wesley is eligible for the government CARES loan program for small business. Right now, it is a fluid process with banks administrating. It is based on payroll and expenses such as utilities for 2-1/2 mo. If no employees are laid off, the loan

can be forgiven. The Nursery School is included in our application. Jenny Pawlowski has been designated to oversee this application.

Congregational Gatherings

Our scheduled all church gathering to learn about having conversations with one another and to develop a church identity statement has been postponed. After lengthy discussion it was decided not to proceed with planning now but to postpone until a time when actual gatherings could be held.

Governing Board Reach out to families on

The Governing Board members and Meredith Lindgren and Carol Stoffel have each received 11 names from the directory. It is the Board's desire to contact everyone in the church to ask how they are doing, if they need anything, are they able to connect using the internet, etc. Do they know about the YouTube Holy Week services? Are they getting all the church emails? These calls will be made this week.

Easter & Holy Week

Plans are coming together for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and a Community Good Friday (with New England and Society 57). Certainly, after the Corona Virus crises is resolved we will have Worship together and an epic Celebration.

Pride Flag

Our flag attached to the front sign has been damaged, replaced and then stolen. A security camera is being installed to monitor activities at the front of the church.

Financially

Roger Curless, Pastor John and Jenny Pawlowski will be meeting to discuss our financial circumstances.

Closing

Wally closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: Monday April 13, 2020 by zoom at 2:00 pm. The Coordinators will join us.