



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

June 1, 2020

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

**Worship** –We each lit a candle at home. Centering with Proverbs 17-22 – A cheerful disposition is for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired. Kathy led worship with Scripture from John 14:12-18,26, Call to worship inviting the Spirit to inspire us and prayer for the troubled times we live in.

### **The Adept Church Book Study**

Our discussion was postponed this week due to discussion about vandalism to our Pride flag and what our response will be. Below is an adjusted study schedule.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Jim – the Intro and Chapter 1

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day, no meeting

June 8 – John – chapter 2

June 15 – Bob – Chapter 3

June 22 – Wally – Chapter 4

June 29 – Kathy – Chapter 5

### **Trustees**

It is probably best for building temperature and humidity control in the sanctuary that the air conditioner be run several days a week during the summer to avoid moisture and heat buildup that could also affect new sound system.

### **All Church Calling and Contacts**

Most callers have finished their lists. Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> was to be deadline. Members reported that some people liked to talk for a long time, some people were unresponsive to phone calls or emails, most people were very happy to have received the contact.

### **Re-Opening Strategy**

Roger suggested we need strategy for creating our re-opening strategy. Holy Angels has publicized that those over 65 should not be attending at all yet. Others may attend with reservations and attendance limits. Some people may not feel comfortable until there is a vaccine. We will definitely need to continue our online presence for a while. Roger would like

a list produced of what groups actually use our building besides Sunday Worship. Nursery School, Small groups, Scouts, yoga, etc. After producing cleaning protocols, we could then decide who can back and when. Meredith Lindgren definitely wants input into the re-opening Worship plan. The State's guidelines are now 25% of capacity or up to 100 people. What about the use of the chapel for small groups – one place, one cleaning?

A taskforce of John, Roger, Meredith and Jenny Pawlowski will meet to discuss these issues. They will send their findings back to the Governing Board for final approval and announcements to the congregation.

### **Vandalism to Pride Banner**

Two nights in a row our banner on the front of the building was vandalized and is now mostly destroyed. A police report was made. The camera installed to watch the front had stopped working. A discussion was held on what will be our response. Should different flags, attached to sides of building and much higher be installed? Would that then cause more vandalism to the building itself? A response letter to our congregation needs to be sent to congregation about the destruction and how we continue our commitment to be open and accepting to all.

Vandalism and protests due to George Floyd's killing was discussed. Mary said whatever response is generated we should be together, in the same direction, decided and agreed upon with staff and Governing Board. Could we have a Pastoral letter that acknowledges how we feel – anxious, anger, etc. That can be a starting place for discussion. Can we connect with organizations are advocating for change? Pastor John noted that we need revolutionary love, loving people who are angry and showing them there is another way. Violence against Africans started in the 1600's and moved onward in time. Now there is multigenerational rage. We need places to have safe discussions, which will be hard to do with churches closed.

### **6 Planning Areas to keep before us**

**#1** Reinvigorating the Chapel – finished – but celebration and rededication to be held.

**#2** Congregational Gatherings – postponed

**#3** January 2020 – Response to General Council developments – postponed until  
Reconvened General Council – date unknown

**#4** Communication Process – using Conference staff – postponed

**#5** Building Community – Could continue now using social media?

**#6** Energize Worship/Participation – postponed until we can gather together

### **Closing**

Mary closed the meeting with prayer. Wally will do worship next meeting.

**Next meeting: June 8, 2020**

