



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2019

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

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastor John led us in reflections and thoughts with a centering exercise. He read Phil: 4:6-7 three times through. *Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.* Then each of wrote down our requests in one column and thanks in another column. Then we prayed and lifted all to God.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met?

This past Sunday Fred Neumann was recognized for his service on the Governing Board with a certificate of appreciation and a check to Hope Wall School to be given in his honor. He was very appreciative.

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

Capital Campaign – It was suggested that we research Conference accessibility grants to help with purchase of the electric door openers on entrance and bathroom doors. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$6000.00. Other organizations that share our building could check for grant eligibility- World Relief, People for Childcare. The Bishops Appeal and even the City of Aurora could be contacted because we are a polling place.

Apportionments – We have not received a response from the Conference yet as to our request to correct our apportionment 2019 amounts according to the agreement of reduction we had with them.

Finance – 2019 will be a very challenging year financially. Due to death and changes in life circumstances, we will lose 4 of our biggest giving units for 2019 and going forward. Our anticipated income of \$355,359.04 for 2018 will drop to \$283,274.00 for 2019. Also, our space sharing agencies are not able to give as much. The enrollment at the Wesley Nursery School is down, People for Childcare's income from the State of Illinois has been in a flux state and the rent from World Relief may need to be re-negotiated. We need to discuss giving capacity with all these groups. Also, our investments in the Endowment Fund have not done as well due to volatility in the Stock Market and we have not received as much spendable interest as we received last year.

Looking over our expenses, 60% of the totals is staff expense. Staff increases have been postponed. This will be reviewed again later. Reducing expenses in our ministry and outreach areas will not make up the deficit. It has been our history that each year we start with a known deficit, praying and developing plans to close this gap. But going into 2019 this deficit will be too large to make up and needs to be actively addressed.

State of the Church Meetings- All this information will be shared through in-home invitational meetings in January. Friday, Jan. 18th there will be one at the home of Roger Curless at 2:00pm and one at the home of Wally Loague at 7:00pm. There will also be one Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm, to be shared with those who attend Wednesday night activities.

2019 Budget – After much discussion the 2019 was approved as is with the knowledge that it may have to be amended in the future, depending on Financial growth and changes. Wally Loague moved the motion, 2nd by Bob McKnight. Motion carried. A budget summary will be made available in the office for anyone who requests it.

Ministry Updates

It was suggested that the Nursery School’s director information be shared in the bulletin.

John would like to have the Governing Board participate in a Belief Statement Course – which will offer an opportunity to explore core beliefs and principles that guide one’s thinking and life direction.

Close

The meeting closed in prayer.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 28, 2019 @ 2:00