



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2017

Kathy Breazeale
Bob McKnight
Bruce Lindgren

Pastor John Bell
Wally Loague
Mary Terrell

Fred Neuman
Bruce Laurie

Excused: Roger Curless

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ candle was lit and opening prayers were offered. For ongoing worship the Methodist Prayer resource from www.methodistprayer.org for the day was used. Scripture Psalm 104:24-35.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

We celebrate again that Mary has joined us.

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

-AU Intern ABCD Discussion – The Intern could not take a course that is required for her this summers, so she will not start until this August. John walked the neighborhood. He found out that the neighbors don't know each other. They need us. As a reminder, the Intern will be doing the information gathering, we decide what to collect. We the let the people in neighborhood made the decision about how to match up. Bruce suggested that we need a spot on Website for" Community Connection" with that info/matching. Fred reported that his neighborhood has monthly gatherings during the summer. They had fellowship and a speaker from VNA. Kathy asked if could consider a Parish nurse for basic health monitoring. Bruce's caregiver said her neighborhood has a "Yappy Hour" where dog owners get together.

John also reported the Mayor had a meeting with 30 clergy. Gary Haugan went. He said it was informative.

Discussion on Dying Church article – Bob gave a synopsis of article which included planting a church within side a dying (aging) church. An Indian church has been meeting at Wheatland Salem. Batavia started Flowering Grace. When is a church not a church? Does size only determine? There is a cycle of Life for everyone and everything. Leadership definitely makes a difference. We now have no children in the nursery – but have a large group of youth at the Middle School level that will be progressing into an active Youth Group. John stated he thought the average age of the younger people at the 2nd service was 30's to 40's. Some do come to the 1st service. The NIC has a grant for building ministry with young adults. We may want to consider that.

The 2nd article – Church has many Walls – will be discussed next time.

Annual Conference

Wally reported that he really enjoyed going and will be giving a report later. The legislation bogged down over deciding who to invest the Conference's money with – firms that correspond with our philosophies. It was finally tabled until next year.

Attendance at Annual Stewardship Conference At Barrington, August 26th from 9-3. John Fred, Bruce Lawrie, Mary and Bob have committed to going.

Scrip Fundraiser

John summarized and handed out available stores that we can buy advance gift cards with. The church will receive a percentage back for each card purchased at Jewel, BP Gas stations, Kohls, etc. Also included are hotels and airlines. You need to go to website for that info.

Kathy commented that her daughter's church, Village Bible Church (there are 3 campuses and many people) just held their yearly garage sale at the Sugar Grove site and made \$27,000. They use their own people as organizers and workers.

Ministry Areas

Discipleship – VBS coming in July. Outreach will be doing the School Supply distribution – but will be at the church instead of at Greenman. Worship is the new series on the 10 Commandments.

Congregational Care Lindy Sundloff is living at Asbury Court. Dorita is home.

Administration - Bruce, Roger and John will need to meet to go over the Quarterly Financial Reports.

Discussion on communication between the Board and the Co-Ordinators. If we hear or need information to get them quickly – tell Pastor John. Bring concerns and ideas to the regular Board Meeting. The Governing Board is the strategic thinkers of the church and ambassadors for our ministry. Be intentional. We set the Goals, give direction to Pastor John, who implements with the Coordinators, and then we review the results.

Finance

Endowment Committee is discussing ways we can help the Congregation with ideas for thinking about long-term giving, giving after we are gone. Leo prefers to have individual meetings with families – not large open class setting.

Trustees

Jenny, Wally and John are working with Tom Rawlinson to get ideas for Church Projects Re-imagined. He supplies the ideas, we formulate a plan.

Fred closed the meeting with prayer

Next Meetings – NO MEETING IN JULY

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 7TH

