

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Governing Board**

**March 14, 2023**

Attending:

Kathy Breazeale  
Roger Curless

Bob McKnight  
Rev John Bell

Jim Merk  
Jonathan Akyea

Excused:

Dianne Wiley  
Wally Loague  
Mary Terrill

The meeting open with the lighting of the Christ candle and completing cards for members of the congregation. The opening prayer was from the prayers of St. Patrick

A book on pastoral transition – Change Over Zone – was distributed to members of the Staff Parish Committee. It reflects on the first 100 days before the new pastor arrives and the first 100 days after the new pastor arrives. At this meeting Wesley was 115 days before the arrival of Pastor Tammy Scott. Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> will be pastor John’s last Sunday at Wesley. There will be plans made for some kind of event on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The Governing Board will be engaged in the planning.

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Pastor Tammy’s first Sunday at Wesley.

**Trustees**

- An Eagle Project from troop 11 is being planned with the Trustees. At this point it will involve landscaping around the outside of the building including the nursery school playground area.
- A new \$15,000 leak requiring repair in the balcony area at the rear of the sanctuary is underway. Painting will be required after the repairs.
- Work is being done around the “monument” sign along Galena. Special donations and memorials will cover any costs incurred.

**Pastor John**

- The Fox Valley Special Recreation Association is moving out of the building sometime in the May or June timeframe. This will reduce rental income at mid-year.
- Once again Wesley received an increased apportionment. It was briefly discussed and the increase will be appealed.
- Jenny has been taking a real estate property management course for not-for-profits. This will provide some degree of knowledge and expertise as the drive to bring in more groups and people to make use of the building increases.

**Staff-Parish**

- There are some Sundays when pastor John will not be at Wesley – March 26<sup>th</sup>; April 23<sup>rd</sup>; and May 21<sup>st</sup>  
It was noted that there will not need to be a pastoral evaluation process this year.
- As more and more people are making use of the church, consideration needs to be given to always

having someone from Wesley here to be a resource and to handle and difficult situations. This will be a topic for future discussion as groups start using the building more. There are some who are looking at the space now.

Next Governing Board meeting – April 18 – 6:30 PM

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Roger L. Curless, Secretary to the Board