



## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2022**

### **Those in attendance:**

Pastor John Bell	DiAnn Wiley	Jonathan Akyea	Kathy Breazeale
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	Bob McKnight	Roger Curless

### **Regrets**

Mary Terrell

### **Opening**

- The meeting opened with worship and prayers for Wesley, members of Wesley, the Irish Prayer of St. Patrick and a special prayer for Ukraine from the Methodist Church in the UK and the Book of Common Prayer.

### **What do we need to discuss in our time together today?**

#### **Trustees**

- Interior painting continues with work in both stairwells.
- Organ - Work continues. The pipes are out and the windchest will be scheduled for installation once the plastering work is completed. All the work is being covered by church insurance.
- Olsson Roofing is recommending covering the flat portions of the roof on both sides of the sanctuary with a rubbery mat. That will protect the roof from falling ice or slate. The cost of \$4,000 is being covered by a donation.
- The space occupied by People for Childcare is empty. ServiceMaster is cleaning the floors and preparing the space for ECHO Development to begin occupying.
- Elevator – The architect will be meeting with Trustees and pastor John to review options:
  - elevator installation
  - series of lifts along stairsThis is a review of the work done over the past month by the architect in taking measurements and reviewing the structure of the church building.
- Kitchen Renovation – The architect will also be making recommendations on work to be done in the kitchen to enable its use as a “ghost kitchen”.

- The outside elevator is in need of parts to operate without having someone there to open the doors. Parts did arrive but were not for this elevator.

## Finance

- End of the quarter is coming up. A letter on progress will be sent from the Governing Board to the congregation.
- Cash flow remains positive.
- Regarding apportionments. The paid architect in 2021 was the amount agreed to pay and was paid directly to the general church. That practice is continuing. The meeting with the superintendent and bishop has not occurred and the superintendent has been reminded. Prior to the meeting Wesley needs to be clear on what kind of relationship is desired with the Annual Conference around the issue of apportionments and the resources of the conference. Board members were asked to give thought to what that relationship should be moving forward.

## Staff Parish

- The annual pastoral review needs to be done. All board members will act as members of Staff Parish for the review process. In that regard there are 12 questions to be completed as Part 1. The Governing Board will compile the responses at the April board meeting. There will be a separate meeting to share the responses with Pastor John.

## Other Business

- The board reviewed an engagement letter from an attorney from Walker-Morton regarding getting the church properly recorded as a not-for-profit in the state of Illinois. This engagement will also include a contract for any group using the building to fully protect the church. This is important as the use of the facilities is expanded. To complete this work a retainer of \$5,000 will need to be made.  
Bob moved that the engagement should be completed. Jim seconded. Board approved unanimously.
- Election of Lay Members for Annual Conference – Wesley has been given space for three lay members and an alternate lay member. Board members were asked to talk about their experiences as some have served whenever meeting with church groups. Reimbursement is provided for expenses. Annual Conference will be in person in Schaumburg on June 8,9 &10.
- Governing Board/Staff Strategic Planning – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pride Parade – June 12, 2022. Wesley has been a sponsor in the past at the \$500.00 level. There was discussion around raising the donation by

another \$500.00 in increase visible presence of Wesley. Adding the additional \$500.00 was supported unanimously.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting – April 27 – 6:30 PM.