



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2017

Kathy Breazeale
Mary Terrell
Roger Curless

Pastor John Bell
Wally Loague

Fred Neuman
Bruce Laurie

Regrets:

Bruce Lindgren

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ candle was lit and opening prayers were offered for members and friends. For ongoing worship, the Methodist Prayer resource from www.methodistprayer.org for the day was used. Psalm 104:24-35 and Mark 4:26-29. Prayers were offered for the victims of the many natural disasters, the bombings in Somalia, refugees and immigrants, young people struggling with life and their friends who are being supportive, women who have faced abuse and harassment and other members and friends of Wesley.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

The October minutes had been reviewed and posted on the Governing Board website. Since the last meeting access to the minutes on the website has been made much easier for those wishing to review them.

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

Regarding Capital Campaign Process

The exact timeline for the campaign is being finalized and will be set as the various teams come on board.

The Campaign Leadership Team is still being recruited. Leadership in some of the Project Teams has been completed. The Campaign Leadership should be persons who are deeply connected to the life of the church. Pastor John is making the calls through a list of persons recommended by the Governing Board.

Bids & Estimates

Estimates on the costs of the projects on the priority list are underway. The Trustee members of the Governing Board (Wally, Mary, Bob and Bruce Lindgren). There was discussion on the value of having an architect look at some of the projects versus using a contractor to bid work. Consensus was reached around making use of an architect that specializes in older church buildings. John will make a contact and arrange times when Trustee members can be present to walk through the projects with the architect.

Communications

November 6th there will be a congregational meeting to review the projects and their priority. Wally will be taking pictures of each of the project areas and there will be comments about each one and why they are such a priority. On the following Sunday, November 12th there will be a church conference for the purpose of approving the campaign and securing the services of Horizons. The announcement of both 1:

Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference is tentatively scheduled for January 9th. Pastor John is going to confirm date with the presiding elder.

Governing Board Interview

Each member of the Governing Board participates in a conversation with Pastor John and the board chair. This is a review of the past year and looking forward to the coming year. There is an outline of the conversation which will be sent. It was decided to have the conversations on October 30th. The schedule:

9:00 AM – Kathy	2:00 PM - Bob
10:00 AM – Wally	3:00 PM - Bruce
11:00 AM - Fred	4:00 PM -Mary

An appointment will be made with Bruce Lindgren to visit with him for the conversation.

Another member of the former leadership committee may be invited to sit in on the conversations.

This is also the time when opportunities to join the Governing Board are opened for anyone interested in the congregation. The Board will also continue looking for a secretary.

Ministry Area Special Notes:

- Discipleship – Wendy Connell and Pastor John have met with several young adults. Feedback indicated many do not feel prepared for Bible study. Discussions and planning with that group for a Bible study with Pastor John is be contemplated.
- Discipleship – There is a confirmation class of six.
- Outreach – Janeen is continuing to make contacts around the community. She meets weekly with Pastor John and they are beginning make connections.
- Worship – Rev. Rich Rubietta will be back to lead worship on December 31.
- Administration – Recent rains have cause flooding in the pre-school area along the wall under the ramp.
- Administration – The Conference has a new risk management staff person that will be coming to Wesley to review the insurance and any risks to the facility.

Administrative Ministry Areas:

- Finance – The board reviewed the third quarter financials. Income and expenditures should be at the 75% level as it is the end of the third quarter. Income is at 71.1% or about 3.9% off plan for the year to date. Expenditures are at 74.0% of plan year to date.
- Finance – Apportionments for 2018 have been received and are increased again. There has been a 19%

increase in apportionments in the last three years. Pastor John contacted the conference treasurer who suggested two options:

- Appeal the increases to the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration
- Since apportionments are calculated on five year averages of the data in the statistical reports,

review the reports and see if anything was not correct.

It was decided to review the five year reports. Roger will review the calculations.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Next meeting: November 13, 2017 – 2:00 PM