



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2017

Kathy Breazeale
Mary Terrell
Roger Curless

Pastor John Bell
Wally Loague

Fred Neuman
Bruce Laurie

Regrets:

Bruce Lindgren
Bob McKnight

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

A meditation for the first Sunday in Advent was the center of the worship time. The first candle in an advent wreath was lit while sharing, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" was shared. This is the candle of Hope and the reading from Isaiah 64:8 reminded us that we and all we do are works that are in God's hands. The reflection centered on the gifts and talents of each and how we see God making and re-making us as well as well as our ministry together at Wesley.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met?

The November minutes had been reviewed and posted on the Governing Board website.

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

Regarding Capital Campaign Process

The theme for the campaign has been chosen: Preserving our Heritage. Preparing our Future. The various committees have been formed, training has started and the calendar A final architect has not been chosen.

There are some projects that still need to be reviewed. Most significant is the plans for the roof. Wally will meet with the roofing company when they come to review the possibilities. There remains a need for others to take the lead on certain projects and to help coordinate.

Governing Board Breakfasts

The first Governing Board breakfast with members of the congregation is set for Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 AM. Pastor John will make an introduction on the purpose of the breakfasts and the agenda will be open to questions, tours, reviews of campaign projects or whatever those attending would like to discuss. The plan is for it to last about an hour or so. Copies of the document, "Structure for Faithful Discipleship" which outlines the operation with single board governance will be made available. Members of the Board will provide the continental breakfast. These breakfasts will be held quarterly.

Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference is set for January 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the church. The Governing Board will meet with the presiding elder at 6:00 PM.

The Annual Report for the Church Conference is being written. The ministry areas have started pulling their information together. This will include more of the statistical report on membership, finances and the general ministry of the church in the past year. Roger and Pastor John will work on the Governing Board section and share it to all before being submitted. The theme for the Annual Report will mirror the Stewardship and Capital Campaign report.

Long Range Visioning and Planning

The Governing Board will retreat together for a day on March 16, 2018 to do some long-term planning for the ministry of Wesley. Pastor John, Kathy and Roger will put an outline for the day together.

Ministry Area Special Notes:

All of the ministry areas are busy with activities around Advent and Christmas.

- Outreach – Janeen finishes her semester next week and will resume her internship on January 8th. The Christmas musical event on Wednesday, December 13th has been a major part of her work this semester as she has made contacts within the community and neighborhood.
- Administration – The security of the building continues to be upgraded. There will be cameras for each entrance and the door used by People for Child Care will have a buzz-in system. Training for volunteers, staff and those regularly in the building will need to be done so that the existing policies and systems are understood. The Annual Conference is creating an Active Shooter training video and when that is received all ushers, greeters, welcome desk volunteers and staff will receive training.

Administrative Ministry Areas Notes:

Finance

2018 Budget – Since the final budget cannot be adopted until after the stewardship campaign which is running with the capital campaign all spending levels will remain the same with the exception of any staff compensation changes and apportionments. The ministry coordinators will continue working with the levels set for 2017. This also means that there will not need to have a budget presented at the church conference.

Thanksgiving Offering – The Thanksgiving Offering this year is going to help support a church in Puerto Rico. The amount and how it will be used is being sent directly to that pastor for her support. Communication to the congregation was discussed as being an important affirmation of the generosity of the members of Wesley.

Christmas Offering & Year End Giving – Pastor John and Roger will work on a communication to the congregation.

Apportionment Appeal – The Board has discussed an appeal of this year's apportionment level. With the 2018 apportionment, Wesley has had a 19% increase over the past five years with the maximum increase in the past two years. While the Board has discussed an appeal, no official action has been taken. After

discussion it was agreed that it is important to offer the Annual Conference a realistic number based on the capacity to pay in full, as has been our tradition. By consensus the Board agreed to suggest retuning to the 2016 level of \$52,356 and to add 3% which would bring the amount to \$54,000. This is the number the Board feels could be paid in full based on current giving levels. Pastor John and Roger will work on the details of the appeal and submit to the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Next meeting: January 22, 2018 – 2:00 PM