

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2018

Kathy Breazeale                      Pastor John Bell                      Bob McKnight  
Mary Terrell                              Wally Loague  
Roger Curless                              Bruce Lawrie  
Regrets: Bruce Lindgren

### Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastor John led us in reflections and thoughts as to “What is it to live a good life?” Jesus had a specific purpose. In the book of Isaiah, it says “to help the poor and the sightless and to set the captives free. It is not our mandate to be Jesus, but we are called to share the Good New of Jesus. There are many denominations and churches. In the area of re-thinking church, be are to bring together groups of people where they can find exciting and meaningful purpose in their lives. Pastor John wants to gather people who are very clear with what they think about being disciples. Are you clear about 1 thing that you believe, that you don’t have to defined because you know it is true? That type of person in contagious. There are alternatives to providing a Rock Band or Star Bucks to people in church to attract them into church. What appeals is a congregation that is working hard to find what’s important and pursue that. Working with clarity. He suggested we identify 1 belief. How do you do it well? Where is it challenging? What have you been doing to pursue this belief? (find calmness in chaos). We need to attach “what I believe” to “what I do”. John thinks church are the best situated places for this kind of work and study.

### What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met?

Fred Neumann will not be returning to serve on the Governing Board. We would like to honor his service. Kathy will talk to his wife Brigitta to discuss a time and gift.

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

It has become necessary for the church to have a conflict of interest policy that would be signed by any member or associate members, employees or volunteers to avoid any conflict between their respective personal, professional and business interests and the interests of the church. A form will be created. Roger Curless will research forms. Bruce Lawrie will see what he has in his files at home.

Capital Campaign – Another \$20,000.00 was received this week.

Apportionment – The Conference has issued the 2019 apportionments amounts based on the wrong amounts. Last year we appealed and received a reduction for 2018. They based their assessment on the pre-appeal amount. That would have given us a 26% increase for 2019. Roger will draft a letter that will show that using that approved appeal amount – we will commit to \$54,000 for 2019.

### Finance

The projection for 2018 year end is that we will be able to cover most expenses, except the \$31,500 still owed on apportionments. The pledged amount for 2019 is close to 2018 pledges and there is still a few to be turned in. A discussion was held as to how we handle this shortfall including an appeal to the Leadership, an appeal

to the whole congregation with an ask for Christmas Eve offering, and a transfer of funds leftover from our previous, now ended Capital Campaign. There is a balance of approximately \$35,000 (mainly the Leadership Development portion) left that could be moved to a contingency fund that could be used under the direction of Jenny and Pastor John. After discussion Mary Terry moved that we approve this transfer, Bob McKnight 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### **2019 Budget**

The draft of the 2019 Budget was discussed. The final Budget will not be voted on until January 2019 when all the pledge cards have been received and income and expense totals for 2018 have been reviewed. Next year we will try for a fall budgeting process.

### **Ministry Updates**

Pastor John and Staff are working on recognition for Cindy Chase's retirement.

Pastor John will be having phone interviews for Cindy's position this week.

Pastor John is still researching pastoral subs for the time of his renewal leave.

### **Trustees**

Volunteers have started painting in the Nursery School class room that underwent major water leakage repairs. The prep work has been done. New flooring has been ordered. New Baseboard will need to be installed.

Keys and locks for all the church doors will be changed so that they all work the same way. Inconsistencies were causing problems.

### **Close**

The meeting closed in prayer, especially for Bill Moore, Bruce Lindgren, Meredith's Mom and Billie Sears. Walter Loague Sr. is doing much better.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 14, 2019 @ 2:00**