

GOVERNING BOARD ZOOM MEETING

August 18, 2021

Bob McKnight	Kathy Breazeale	DiAnn Wiley
Roger Curless	Pastor John Bell	Mary Terrell
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	

Worship – Kathy lead Worship on How to Tell A story for your Church, from a blog by Tim Price. Words and how we describe our ministry and church are very important. Do we say negative words or do we lift up positives and opportunities and strengths and focus on them. Tell a new story. Col: 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Rom. 12:5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Minutes – The June minutes are posted.

Reopening personal contacts and emails- going well with a few unreachable people found. Postcards also went out to every home.

Sunday Reopening Last Minute Details – Pastor John reported it is moving smoothly. Greeters will be present. Emmy Lou will be liturgist. He just suggested we just all pray about it because it is a job to get all the parts up and moving again, like priming a pump.

Live Streaming of services vs pre-recorded questions. Live streaming requires the purchase of different equipment, many more cameras, volunteers and there are copyright issues.

Lay Members to NIC virtual Annual Conference – Due to the change in formulas required to balance Clergy and Lay Members, Wesley is now intitled to 3 lay members to go to Annual Conference in 2022.

Finance Committee – Pastor John is looking for a person to help co-ordinate the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. He asked the Board to think and recommend names.

Report from the Nursery School – The Nursery School has very low enrollment, 11 children with 2 other possible. We are in direct competition with the school district offering fulltime, free preschool. The Nursery School Board met today and decided to open school, use up all our reserves, pay staff and Scholarship requests and go out with a bang for our 70th and final year. The Board will be looking at ways to re-imagine some form of childcare or children’s ministry in the School spaces in the basement.

Trustee Report – The room that houses the organ pipes had leakage damage. Pipes have been removed. Talks are ongoing with our insurance company. We have also talked to the company, which is still in business, that originally build the organ.

Jim has donated funds and is set to start ordering equipment for the AV studio by the end of September. It will be in the room on 3rd floor that had a puppet stage.

Space Utilization – Jim has suggested we set up Chapel for meetings, set up Gathering Place like a reception, take pictures and begin to advertise their availability. Also, he suggested the Narthex needs to be updated and have more welcoming banners and furniture.

Yellow striping will be put on our entrance stairs to help people see as they come and go.

Roger commented that the Boy Scouts may be able to help with some projects as they need service hours and other places are hard to get into right now.

The South Sanctuary wall is in a state of peeling and crumbling again. Experts will be coming in to inspect. Also, due to the leaking issues over the pipe room and other leaking issues it may be the time to consider removing the slate, a source of a lot of leaking and install a new, unleaky roof.

It has been very hard to get ahold of anyone from People for Child Care as to their plans to return to using the church. They have left a lot of materials and supplies and we need to know what to do with all their belongings. We have not heard from the Fox Valley Special Recreation group either. They may not have resumed their programs.

If People for Childcare do not come back to our building and this turns out to be the final year for our Nursery School, we will have approximately 20,000 square feet of empty and available space in the basement. We need to Brainstorm what the usage of this space could look like.

Governing Board Nominations and Member interviews. John and Roger will put together some dates for us to consider. Also, all members need to be thinking of persons to invite to serve on the Board. We need to ask a member of the congregation to participate in these interviews.

Re-opening Survey – After several weeks have passed by worshiping on our new schedule, we need to think of survey questions to go out possibly asking our people 1. Why did they come back? 2. Why haven't we seen them? 3. Other questions to be thinking about?

Annual Church Conference with District Superintendent will be Wednesday Dec. 8. –6:00pm
SPRC meeting, 7pm congregational meeting.

Roger closed the meeting in prayer at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be September 9th at 6PM – In Person. Roger will be responsible for worship.