



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2021

Kathy Breazeale	Jim Merk	Bob McKnight
Roger Curless	Pastor John	DiAnn Wiley by zoom
Wally Loague	Mary Terrell- Regrets	

Worship

Pastor John lead us in opening worship based on Matt. 25:34-40. I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me. We discussed memories/examples growing up and visiting people. How do we evaluate the way this congregation visits those who are sick? Our own efforts? How might we do a better job of caring for others? Is there a correlation between the decline in church membership and separation or religious institutions from private health care facilities? John referred to the book "The Rise of Christianity" by Robert Stark.

Minutes of our last meeting are posted on the website.

Pastor's Report

Pastor John gave a brief overview of his report about Worship, Discipleship, Outreach & Administration.

Stewardship Campaign is underway

John made 63 short videos to send to people based on giving. Consecration Sunday is Nov. 21. Follow up with some individual giving units may be necessary.

Annual Church Conference

Former DS Rev. Dick Wisdom will be our facilitator. The Governing Board will meet with him at 6:00pm as the SPRC review. Congregational meeting will be at 7pm. John, Bob, Mary and Kathy need to meet before this meeting to discuss salaries and Pastoral compensation.

Besides a nominations vote, a vote will be taken to authorize the trustees of Wesley UMC to complete the ballot process regarding BSA Bankruptcy plan. The BSA sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in February 2020, in order to halt over 80,000 claims of sexual abuse. There are two types of claimants, those individuals accusing the BSA of sexual abuse and organizations like Wesley UMC who have or currently sponsor a troop. A team representing the UMC denomination has been participating in the negotiations at the bankruptcy court. At this church conference on December 8th we will be voting to authorize the trustees/Governing Board to complete the ballot and return it to the bankruptcy court by December 14th after receiving guidance on how we should vote. There is a Conference Sponsored Webinar upcoming to help churches understand this very complicated case.

People for Child Care

Joyce, the director, has never responded to any contact from the church. The state lists this organization as closed. We have sent a letter to her and a Board Member Polly Mittag that we will be removing all their equipment, supplies and vans. A sale is possible, asking for donations to the church.

Trustee's Report

A contract with Apollo Technology and Cabling for \$4,293.93 was approved for installation of WiFi on 3rd floor, WiFi clean up the office, each floor, and install some new routers. A budget line item will be added for other possible upcoming items.

Elevator – we will again begin to explore the possibility of adding an elevator to our building. We have the original plans for our building that did include a space and plans for an elevator. We are reaching out to find organizations that would like to pay for space sharing expenses in our building and accessibility to the upper floors may be a necessity. We need to have an architect consultation on what is feasible and look for grant monies that may be available.

The recording studio is almost finished. The Governing Board will take a tour after this meeting.

Plastering repair on the South Window is underway. It was noted that this damage was not due to water but poor construction the last time it was fixed. Other areas, windows are also being repaired. The Trustees will be checking the rooms we may be offering for any space sharing to make sure they are in decent shape and repair.

Organ Repair – bids have been received. One from the original company, Shantz, for \$123,413.00. The other one is from Dean Christian, the local person who has been repairing them over the last 28 years, for \$109,000. These will be submitted to our insurance.

Engagement letter with Law Firm of Kelleher & Holland, LLC

A motion was presented by Wally Loague and seconded by Bob McKnight to authorize John Bell to sign both letters of Engagement with this law firm. One is for General corporate matters and the other is for advice concerning the Boy Scout of America reorganization and plan and Wesley UMC connection with the BSA related claim. The retainer fee is \$6000.00.

Strategy Meeting with Co-Ordinators.

John recommended we bring in an outside facilitator to lead the discussions for the meeting. Rev. Chris Pierson is a person to consider. One topic could be how to rethink how we move outside our building for ministry. Two dates to consider our Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 2022.

Donations

A donation will be coming from the Lindoo estate, and The Board of People for Childcare has indicated they would donate one of their vans to the church.

Other

Cards were signed and sent to Phyllis and Bob Starke, Vicki Clarke, Jaime Reynolds, Sandy Roberts and Leo Waynick.

Closing Prayer – Kathy lead us in our closing prayer reminding us of our mission, our Core Principles –See the image of God in all people, Celebrate diversity and differences, Welcome all people with radical hospitality, Develop Spiritual Maturity, Work towards excellence, Live a life of repentance and reconciliation. We prayed for new and vital members to be called to serve on the Governing Board, we prayed for our Staff , for DiAnn's relative who is seriously ill with Covid, and for each member of the Board.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, DEC. 20TH AT 6:00PM AT THE CHURCH

