



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

May 11, 2020

Kathy Breazeale    Jim Merk    Bob McKnight  
Roger Curless    Pastor John  
Wally Loague    Mary Terrell, absent

**Worship** –We each lit a candle at home. Centering with Proverbs 17-22 – A cheerful disposition is for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired. Wally led Worship. As we journey into this new reality let us have faith in a God that is always with us. Let Him guide us and comfort us. We remember healthcare workers, patients, those out of work, food banks and protestors.

**Minutes** of our last meeting are posted on the website.

### **Discussion of YouTube and online church**

Several members of the Board had issues with the televised Sunday Service freezing up and buffering. We think it is possibly a home Wi-Fi issue. This Sunday, May 17, will have a small all saints component where we recognize those that have died recently and there have been no funerals or memorials.

### **Announcement on Re-opening went out this week**

No one received any comments or concerns yet. John is hoping to dialogue with other Aurora Pastors to discuss what dates and guidelines they will be following for any type of opening up schedules so some city coordination could be in place.

### **The Adept Church Book Study**

We will be reading this as a group but will need to take note of what ideas we want to take away and possibly apply as we go through the transition period of being closed and re-opening. Board members will take a chapter to be discussion leader.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Jim – the Intro and Chapter 1

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day, no meeting

June 1 – John – chapter 2

June 8 – Bob – Chapter 3

June 15 – Wally – Chapter 4

June 22 – Kathy – Chapter 5

## **Identity Statement Taskforce**

Pastor John, Bob McKnight, Emmy Lou John and Kari Rigaud will be reconvening to finish their work and make a proposal. Roger suggested they have this done by June 30<sup>th</sup> so we can include in our re-opening plans.

## **Security and Surveillance**

Wally and Jim have installed door numbers at each entrance and the “under video surveillance” signs. Wally will send a copy of the map to Board members and office. The large rainbow flag will be installed again for June and Pride Month.

## **Stimulus Money**

Wesley applied for and has received some stimulus money that will help with Nursery School Payroll, our staff payroll and utility costs. Jenny will be paying this money out this week to cover payroll and utilities. If we do not lay anyone off, we are entitled to keep the money and will not have to pay it back.

## **Congregational Giving**

Our people are being very faithful in their financially giving either electronically or through the mail. We thank God for their faithfulness and support of Wesley’s operating funds, ministries and the Capital Campaign.

## **Other Discussion**

Roger shared that every Friday night West Aurora High School turns on all the football field lights from 8:00 to 8:20 in honor of the class of 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. People are driving by to see the display. Each graduate will be receiving a cap and gown and a yard sign that they can decorate.

## **Trustees**

Wally will be talking to our building mechanic, Rick, about his retirement and whether the chiller will need to be prepped if we will not be using air conditioning this summer.

## **All Church Calling and Contacts**

In the near future, we will again be calling everyone in the Directory to see how they are doing. Pastor John has been in discussion with the staff as to what questions we should be asking our people when making these calls. We will also be asking how they are staying engaged with Wesley. Online worship? Classes? What opportunities are they taking advantage of? John will be sending these out to Board members.

## **6 Planning Areas to keep before us**

**#1** Reinvigorating the Chapel – finished – but celebration and rededication to be held.

**#2** Congregational Gatherings – postponed

- #3 January 2020 – Response to General Council developments – postponed until  
Reconvened General Council – date unknown
- #4 Communication Process – using Conference staff – postponed
- #5 Building Community – Could continue now using social media?
- #6 Energize Worship/Participation – postponed until we can gather together

**Closing**

Jim closed the meeting with prayer. Wally will do worship next week.

**Next meeting: Monday May 18, 2020 by zoom at 2:00 pm. John will be sending out a new link as the one we have been using has expired.**