

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Governing Board

April 9, 2024

Attending

Kathy Breazeale	Bob McKnight	Jim Merk
Roger Curless	Rev Tammy Scott	Jonathan Akyea
Wally Loague	Dave Studdard	

Regrets – Mary Terrell

Opening worship was led by Wally

Cards for members of the congregation were distributed for signing by the Governing Board.

Trustees: Lift Up-date - \$19,255 provided so parts can be ordered. No timeline for completion yet.

Lighting Proposal – A proposal has been received from Verde Green to change out lights and fixtures to make the church building more energy efficient. All fixtures and lights would change to LED. There are 273 light fixtures in the building and 32 outside fixtures. The cost would be \$6,926.00 and the cost savings in energy would be around \$2,000 a year meaning it would be paid of in just over three years. There will a 9% discount if agreement is made before May. By consensus it was agreed to proceed with the plan to replace inside and outside lighting to be more energy efficient and future cost savings.

Staff-Parish

The new district superintendent will be Rev Wendy Harden-Herman. She will meet with the Governing Board at Wesley in the future as she becomes acclimated to the Prairie Central District and after her appointment is official on July 1, 2024.

At the completion of the Governing Board business, Pastor Tammy was excused and the Board, acting as the Staff Parish Committee put the annual pastor evaluation together. Bob will take all the forms and consolidate for a meeting with Pastor Tammy.

Finance

While the numbers on the statements seem to indicate the financial picture is about even, the donations for the lift were part of the over all income and will have to be kept for that purpose. Right now \$5,000 a month is being used from the endowment.

Even with that the church is \$9,000 behind on payments for clergy benefits to the Conference. When Jenny came back into the office it was discovered that the records had not been kept current. Right now the records are cleaned up and current.

Apportionments continue to lag behind and the \$500 per month minimum that was discussed by the Board earlier has not been able to be done.

The 2024 budget was reviewed and discussed. No immediate changes are needed but adjustments may have to be made further into the year.

All-Church Meeting

The board de-briefed on the recent all church meeting. The mission state remains:

“The mission of Wesley Church is to build a vibrant, all-inclusive Christian community from the heart of Aurora.”

The result of the meeting of the Leadership a “Why Statement.” Was added. Why do we do this mission?

“To grow and provide a welcoming, all-inclusive community so that all feel empowered and loved as children of God.”

To Board will continue to build on our mission, why we do it and then how and what is needed to get it done.

Additional Notes:

- Welsey will service as an evacuation location should it be necessary for the Visiting Nurses Association.
- At the time of this board meeting the Spring BBQ had not yet occurred but is was noted that advanced ticket sales were underway.

Next Governing Board Meeting – May 13th – 6:30 PM

Opening worship – Roger

Closing worship – Kathy

Respectfully submitted:

Roger L, Curless, Secretary to the Board