



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2018

Kathy Breazeale	Pastor John Bell
Mary Terrell	Wally Loague
Roger Curless	Bruce Lawrie

Regrets:

Bruce Lindgren, Fred Neumann

Meeting held after the Breakfast with the Governing Board @10:30am

The minutes for August meeting are on the website. We need to make a public announcement of Pastor John's application for a 16 week Spiritual Renewal leave and the Board's acceptance with details of dates and process.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

During the breakfast Wally had video presentation of all the work that has been done on the Capital Campaign projects so far including removal of the old boiler, order of the new boiler, flooding issues addressed inside and outside the basement level and removal of asbestos throughout the building. We have spent \$93,962.26. We are one year into the 3 year giving and approximately one-half of the pledged amounts have been received.

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

Pastor John shared that some big decisions will be coming for the worldwide Methodist church with the upcoming General Council in February 2019 concerning human sexuality. Do we need a congregational meeting in January to present explanations and options that will be considered? We are a Reconciling Congregation, so we will probably have less struggles than other churches.

In light of what is happening in the Catholic Church and some of the larger churches in the U.S. such as Willow Creek, where there is a one person in charge, a model that can become problematic, we should hold a review of our decision making processes. As a Board we are responsible for protection of our facility and UMC participation. The Board also is divided into sub committees who meet the Discipline requirements for SPRC, Finance & Trustees. Pastor John, working with the Coordinators, is responsible for the day to day functions and ministry of the church, but remarked that he welcomes and values the opinions of the Board and staff persons. He uses the opinions and input of everyone to make his decisions. When hiring new

people he includes the Board and ministry areas that will be affected in interviewing candidates.

Now that we are several years into the Single Governance model, it is probably time to review our guidelines and procedures.

It is also time to set a date for the re-affirmation meetings with all Governing Board Members to see if they want to remain in their positions on the Board. Roger will be emailing available dates for the end of October.

Updates

Finance – we have a new Church Treasurer, Ann Merk. Documents for check signing changes have been made. We will hopefully be able to begin generating monthly reports now.

Pastor John is investigating the possible use of our parking lot by a food truck business on certain days of the week. Food trucks are becoming booming small businesses. Our neighborhood would be a good area. They would be making a donation to the church for this usage. John will keep us apprised of his research before any decision is made. There is going to be a Food Truck Fest at West High, Sept. 24 @ 5pm.

We would like to see Wesley become a center for engagement with all people in the city. We are now and would promote more of our theology, fine arts, our pre-school, Boy Scouts, weddings, work with refugees and low income daycare and whatever future outreach the Lord leads us to.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Oct. 17 @ 2:00pm