

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Governing Board**

**February 8, 2023**

Attending:

Kathy Breazeale	Bob McKnight	Jim Merk
Wally Loague	DiAnne Wiley	Jonathan Akyea
Roger Curless	Rev John Bell	Mary Terrelll

The meeting opened with worship, prayer and the lighting of the Christ candle led by Roger Curless.

**Trustees**

- The doors connecting the Gathering Place and the narthex have arrived and will be put in place shortly.  
- Architect's drawings for the re-purposing of the kitchen were shared. The changes will enable the kitchen to be used as a "ghost kitchen" for food vendors. Two inquiries have been received to date. The work on the kitchen will have several steps and considerations:

- There may be funding from the city for grants for kitchen improvements and also elevator work.
- The benefits of doing this work will be put together to share with the congregation.
- A contract will be developed for use for any vendor making use of the kitchen.
- City and county health inspections and insurance coverage will be required.
- A calculation on the per centage of space the kitchen occupies in the overall building will have to be report for taxing purposes since it is a business venture.

Figures on the cost of all this work may be available for the March Governing Board meeting or in early April.

- The lift at the entrance off the parking lot has expired. Securing parts and updating the electrical work may prove difficult and the prospect of replacing the lift is very much a reality in the near future. It was suggested that comparative bids should be secured for replacement to be ready if it becomes completely dysfunctional.
- The organ restoration is completed and the final payment for the work will be paid pending the Conference sending Wesley the check received by them from the insurance.
- Plans for the rededication of the organ will be made for a future event.

**Pastor John**

- A local boxing club for at risk kids in Aurora is using the gym for a couple of months while they secure a new permanent location.
- There are some Eagle Scouts in the troop that might be looking for projects. It was suggested a list of projects around the church be developed for their consideration.
- Veteran's Outreach is seeking space for raised community gardens. There was a preliminary discussion about putting a raised garden in a sunny area on the southwest area of the church. A plan will be developed for the Board.
- Epiphany has featured various laity speaking on their rituals, beliefs and experiences. The feedback has been positive. Lent will feature a series on atonement.

**Staff Parish**

- Job descriptions are updated and will be available for review by the Governing Board at the March meeting.

**Finance**

- A few more pledges and gifts have come in as the campaign has wrapped up. The budget will be reviewed after the first quarter to see if any adjustments need to be made.

Next meeting: March 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM --- Dinner will be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Curless, Secretary to the Board