

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Governing Board**

**August 10, 2023**

Attending:

Kathy Breazeale

Roger Curless

DiAnn Wiley

Bob McKnight

Rev Tammy Scott

Wally Loague

Jim Merk

Jonathan Akyea

Mary Terrell

Jonathan opened the gathering with a time of meditation and prayer.

**Trustees**

= Work on the landscaping is getting done with trimming the bushes and trees. Work still needs to be done in the former playground area. The focus is to continue to improve the overall curb appeal of the property. The possibility of engaging the scouts for service projects will be shared with the troop.

- The lift has to be replaced. Three companies are being considered. There may be a possibility of securing funds from the city through Urban Planning and the veterans group. Estimates will be secured and submitted.

- The concrete work at the parking lot entrance is completed.

- The Endowment Committee is meeting with the manager out of concern on how much of the endowment is being required to meet on-going expenses.

**Staff Parish**

= Interviews are being conducted to replace Jenny who is leaving at the end of the month. Jenny will be leaving on August 31. Staff Parish will ask for cards and donations to celebrate her time at Wesley.

- The listening tours for Pastor Tammy are coming along. 18 families have already signed up to visit. Another announcement will be made Sunday. The goal is to engage as many families as possible.

**Finance**

= With regards to the overall settlement by the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts Survivors Fund, Wesley has received notification that the share based on the formula using the annual budget will be \$3,300 to be paid over three years. There was some discussion and by consensus the board agreed to put a line item in the budget for the next three years and to invite anyone in the congregation wishing to contribute to have an opportunity to do so.

**Other Items of Note:**

= October 15, 2023 at 12:00 noon, after church, will be a congregational meeting. A luncheon will be provided. The agenda will include Pastor Tammy sharing some of her observations from the listening tour.

- Pastor Tammy will be giving the invocation at the Aurora City Council meeting on August 22.

- Roger shared the needs from World Relief. With the current increase in volume supplies for setting up housing for arriving immigrants have been drained. There is an opportunity to build "Welcoming Kits" or make donations of goods and furniture. The challenge might be getting the donations of a size to World Relief in Carol Stream. The lists will be shared as potential scout projects also.

Bob closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Governing Board meeting: September 14<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 PM**