



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2016

Kathy Breazeale
Wally Loague
Bob McKnight

Bruce Lindgren
Bruce Lawrie
Roger Curless

Pastor John Bell
Fred Neuman

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Scripture: Matthew 25 – The Great Commission. Readings and meditation made three points:

- God's plans and inclinations for us do not always match our own desires.
- Jesus has commissioned us to make disciples.
- Jesus, through the Spirit is with us each step of the way.

Question for consideration: Looking back over our time together so far, where have you seen evidence that Jesus, through the Spirit is with us.?

- Music. The closing song at the 11:00 AM worship service yesterday was particularly moving, (Let Me Rediscover You)
- New people are coming to worship regularly.
- The Spirit is with us on our Change the World Sundays. Excitement. Working together.
- New staff that have been brought to us – particularly Felicia with such talent and spirit.
- The Spirit present in the Governing Board as we work together.
- Patience of the congregation as we move in this new direction. New people don't know the old ways so have no real expectations on how the church should be governed.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

- **Review of the minutes from September 12, 2016.** The minutes have been placed on the website for congregational review.

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

- Fall Governing Board interview process & schedule

One element of the single board governance model is that each year each member meets with the pastor and chair of the board for a conversation on the experience of the past year. This gives the board member an opportunity affirm continued participation for another year or express a desire to move to another area of involvement. It was determined that while an at-large member of the congregation is helpful when interviewing people to come onto the board it would not be needed for this because these are really discussions about the past work together.

The interview day is November 10th and the schedule set is:

- 1:00 PM – Wally
- 1:30 PM – Bob
- 2:00 PM – Fred
- 2:30 PM – Bruce Lawrie
- 3:00 PM – Kathy
- 3:30 PM – Bruce Lindgren

All interviews will be at Wesley.

- Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference will be on Sunday, January 15, 2017. There will be a light luncheon and then the all church conference. There will need to be a setting of pastor compensation, a budget for 2017 and an annual report. The Governing Board will need to report on its work. For the Board the functional groups (SPRC, Finance, Trustees) should each have a section. Each of the ministry coordinators should complete a section on their work over the past year. Everything is due by December 1, 2016 so that there is time to put it all together for the church conference.

- 2017 Stewardship Campaign

Plans for the Stewardship Campaign are well underway.

- The theme: “Building for the Road Ahead” The campaign will use the analogy of our cars. The first Sunday theme will be October 23 – Caring for our cars
- Second Sunday – October 30 – Eco friendly cars and social media
- Third Sunday – November 6 – What kind of drivers are we?
- Fourth Sunday – November 13 – What do we think about when we are buying a car?
- On Saturday, November 12 there will be a leadership dinner at Baltria which is a dealer in vintage cars. Erin Connell has been doing the planning.
- First letters will go out this week.

There was discussion on what kinds of details the congregation will need to promote giving and while more tenured church members may give to that kind of detail, the data suggests that younger people need to consider how giving is a part of their discipleship. The campaign is really aimed at helping the vast majority think about their church giving as part of their overall decisions about spending. At some point there will be a discussion on what kind of follow-up might be done.

- Our Ministry Areas

Discipleship

- Books study on Half Truths is finishing up and Latin American study will begin on Oct .25.
- Trunk & Treat is planned
- Work on Christmas program is beginning. Angel Tree with Outreach will occur again.

Outreach

- Gary Hougan is finishing up his time as Outreach Coordinator and a new one is being sought.

Worship

- Stewardship series is set
- Advent series – Redemption of Scrooge
- Christmas Day is on Sunday. One service – Rich Rubietta will be here to lead.
- Felecia is working with children's choirs and they will be at the 9:00 AM service on fifth Sundays.
- All Saints Day will be November 6th. Ruth Ann Little is coordinating with families of members to be remembered.

Congregational Care

- Going exceptionally well. Directory picture taking is about done.

Administration

Pastor John has been handling as a new administrator is being sought. In the meantime there are some issues handled or needing attention:

- A roof leak in the office has had attention. There is water on the south wall of the sanctuary again. There is also the damage in the chapel.
- Trees are covering one of the parking lot lights. Wally will determine if the tree is on our property or that of the neighbor so that it can be addressed.
- The sound system issues have been addressed and a new company to care for the sound is being sought.
- Payroll for the church, which includes the nursery school, maybe moved to a payroll company.
- Third quarter statements should go out to the congregation in the next week.

Our Administrative Areas

Finance

Financial reporting through September has been completed. With all the transitions it has been a task to update and correct errors which have been made. Reports reviewed were:

- Balance Sheet
- Monthly, Quarterly and year to date Profit and Loss Statement
- Fund Income – YTD

Some minor adjustments were suggested with regards to showing the year to date numbers.

The 2017 budget will be developed with the ministry coordinators.

Full Church Audit -- We are to a position in the audit process where we are complying with additional or specific requests of the auditing firm. Tai Park has requested the following additional information which John is working on to compile for him.

1. A list of all church bank and investment accounts used during 2015, this will also include December of the prior year and January of 2016 if any account should be new or closed during this timeframe.

2. Copies of year-end tax statements as issued to church members showing their total contributions for 2015 to the church including any special directions to verify contributions are consistently administered in accordance with the donors' instructions, thereby letting donors know their contributions are being used as intended.

The auditor will then arbitrarily choose a number of contributing members and request they verify their yearly statements for accuracy.

This is twofold. It both protects Wesley staff elected to offices of financial responsibility from unwarranted charges of careless or improper handling of funds and builds trust and confidence of the financial supporters of Wesley in the way their money is being accounted for.

Trustees

Endowment Policy – The final version is ready and will be presented at the church conference.

The Endowment Committee still has an open spot to fill.

Safe Sanctuaries – Updating the policy has become more complicated than once thought because of the social media additions. Given all we have going on in the building, how are we able to safeguard the use of the internet and other connections? Wally and Wendy Connell are working on it.

Pastor John's compensation will need to be set. The process will involve the SPRC subcommittee (Kathy, Bob, Fred) meeting with John to discuss the compensation for 2017. A spreadsheet comparing various churches across the conference to Wesley has been prepared and will be available to the committee. The committee will make a recommendation to the board for final approval.

What challenges, obstacles, risks are we facing? What or Who at Wesley needs our prayers today?

We are still in need of a secretary for the Board.

The meeting closed in prayer for members and friends of the Wesley family and for a request that God continue to bless the work of this church.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2016 – 2:00 PM at Wesley.

