



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2017

Kathy Breazeale
Bruce Lindgren
Bob McKnight

Pastor John Bell
Roger Curless
Wally Loague

Regrets: Bruce Lawrie; Fred Neuman

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ candle was lit and opening prayers were offered. For ongoing worship the Methodist Prayer resource from www.methodistprayer.org for the day was used. The congregation has been invited to share this resource as a way for guided meditation daily.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

- Review of the minutes from February 20, 2017.

The minutes from February are ready to be placed on the website for congregational review.

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

- Lay Members to Annual Conference

Wesley has two lay member slots for Annual Conference which Sunday, June 4 -6 at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Wally & Paula Loague will be attending as Wesley's lay members.

- Our Ministry Areas (Those with current items for the Governing Board)

The ministry coordinators are going through attendance rosters to see how people might be invited to be more engaged in various ministries. There are people who are around but need to be invited to expand their involvement.

Discipleship

Easter activities are coming up
Vacation Bible School plans are starting.

Outreach

ILCAAAP presentation set for Thursday.

Worship

Easter will begin a new series, "A Place to Call Home."

Congregational Care

Efforts are being made to reconnect with people.

Administration

Gathering Place floor covering is being completed.
De-Escalation training was well attended but received some mixed reviews on what was presented.

Out of that has come the need for all organizations using the church to have current emergency procedures and a way to communicate throughout the building in case of an emergency are being set up.

New sewer lines on New York will affect use of the parking lot.

- Our Administrative Areas (Those with current items for the Governing Board)

Finance

The January-February financial statement was reviewed. Work is still being done on formatting but the tracking systems seem to be in place. 97.3% of the projected revenue have been received and 100.7% of the projected expenditures have been completed.

Roger, Bruce Lawrie and John will meet before the April meeting to work on how to set up quarterly financial reporting for the Governing Board.

Regarding the audit. There is still confusion for the auditor because of our system switching. There is a consensus that we need an audit. By way of email, Bruce Lawrie recommended that plan for a full audit of either 2016 or 2017 and discuss that and some possible recommendations with the auditor sometime in May after tax season is completed. It was agreed to do that.

Trustees

There have been several projects completed with security lighting and some additional electrical work. While the elevator passed inspection it was requested that the repair company take a look at its operation. (Note: since this time the elevator did stop working.)

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Interviews for the communications specialist continue.

The annual ministry survey has been received from the District Superintendent. Everyone needs to complete the form and get it to Bob by the April 15th so he has time to put it together in one document for discussion at the next meeting. It needs to be finalized by May.

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: Either April 17 or 24. John will advise.