



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2018

Kathy Breazeale Pastor John Bell Fred Neumann
Mary Terrell Bob McKnight
Roger Curless Wally Loague
Regrets:
Bruce Lindgren, Bruce Lawrie

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer was shared for John's brother, Fred's brother, the homeless, Syria, the Lindgren family, Bob Starke, the women and children waiting for deportation at the U.S. border.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

55 giving unit pledged \$480,920.00. \$81, 835.00 came in on 1st Fruits offering, 50 units have pledged to the Operating Budget with an 8.4% increase.

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

A lengthy discussion on the 2018 Budget was held. 22 giving units increased their pledge. There are 9 units who usually pledge who have not responded yet. These giving units will be contacted as soon as possible so we can update the budget to reflect more exact income and projected possible expenses.

Updates

Ministry Areas

Discipleship

Mollie Foster, a candidate for the Discipleship Co-Ordinator had interviews with the SPRC subcommittee, the staff and coordinators and members of the Children and Family Ministry Team. Everyone was impressed with her qualifications , experience, attitude and demeanor. Mollie is graduating from Garrett with a Masters in Divinity and is on the Deacon track. She is looking for full-time work. It was decided that she would be a very valuable asset to our staff. John is going to make her an offer for the job

Retreat Review

It was agreed that our Retreat in March with John Laster was time very well spent. One point that was discussed was Gaps in in our ministry structure in the areas of Gather, Go & Grow. John Bell felt a weak spot in the Gathering was engaging the 50+ visitors we have in a year and following up with them. Our affinity groups – Supper Clubs, Mug Club, Golf etc. is a good place to get these newcomers into right away. Roger suggested that it would be wonderful to be able to have the technology to watch our Worship on the website or streaming in other places.

We discussed that to have better communication with the Co-Ordinator's, to help them understand the Core Values and Principle's as to how it applies to our vision, we should have a meeting with them. A breakfast would be the best time for staff. John will check with them and suggest a few dates that would work for everyone. John Laster also suggested to us that inviting everyone in the congregation to brainstorming sessions as to how we reach our neighborhoods with ministry and outreach and form that vision would also be good.

Kathy noted that our Tuesday Prayer is now focused on our Structure document and the Gathering, Growing, and Going principles and our Core Values.

Finance

We need to be very intentional in keeping the congregation informed as to how the progress of all the projects on the Capital Campaign as they proceed.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 7, 2018 at 2pm.