

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AURORA, ILLINOIS

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING JANUARY 6, 2026 MINUTES

Present: Pastor Tammy Scott, Kathy Breazeale, Wally Loague, Jim Merk, Dave Studdard, Jonathon Akyea, Bob McKnight, Glenn Dagenais, Sarah Swanson (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order in person/zoom @6:30 pm. Opening devotion was given by Glenn. Prayer concerns were shared.

REPORTS

Trustees: Jim Merk reported that our IT company is installing a dedicated line to improve internet service in the building. Wally Loague and Daved Studdard shared that an architect, Lorin Muranriu, toured the building and then presented an offer to buy the building, but it was decided it was too low to consider.

Staff Parish: Kathy Breazeale updated the status of the Governing Board 2025 Reflection Questionnaire. There was discussion about the need to form a congregational committee task force to work with some of the Governing Board in regard to the possible sale of our building and the moving of the congregation to a different location.

Finance: Pastor Tammy updated end of the year 2025 financials. We had some shortfalls, but overall were close to our budgeted amounts with the exclusion of Pastoral benefits and property insurance owed the NIC. Pastor Tammy will share this need with the congregation to hopefully receive more financial gifts to help cover these outstanding bills and possibly take money from the Endowment funds to help with these payments. Several pledges from the 2026 campaign have not been received yet and these families will be contacted.

Pastor Tammy: Tammy shared a Wesley timeline to show that in the church's history, the congregation has moved several times since 1857 before coming to the present site. She also shared a current timeline of when the Governing Board began investigating the possibility and issues with selling our building as it is talking all our resources now to maintain it.

Other: Kathy Breazeale shared an article “Struggling with what to do with your church building”. Kathy also shared information to read “Guide to Transitioning Sacred Places.”

Next Meeting: Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm at church. Bob McKnight will have opening and closing prayers and take minutes.

Glenn led the Board in prayer and the meeting closed at 8:00 PM.

Dave Studdard, Acting Secretary