



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

February 1, 2021

Bob McKnight	Kathy Breazeale	Mary Terrell
Roger Curlless	Pastor John Bell	Dian Wiley
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	Regrets: Jessica Garza

Worship –We each lit a candle at home. Roger opened the meeting with a litany of the Amazing Congregational Prayer based on Isa. 40. God does not grow tired or weary. Those who hope in the Lord will fly up on wings like the eagle. We are lifted by the Spirit. Wesley is doing well, people and youth are still involved. We are doing a good job, still connected, even if it is electronically. There are some churches who may never come back from the restrictions of the pandemic.

Minutes – We need to approve the Minutes from the Annual Church Conference at the next meeting.

Question from Mary – if anyone knows of someone (s) having a bad time and need a call, please send information to Mary and she will call them.

Review of Governing Board/Coordinators Strategy Sessions – Most agreed it was very energizing. Everyone had an individual opportunity to articulate their thoughts and feelings. It was very helpful to have the information beforehand. There was a similarity in thoughts and desire for the direction we should be concentrating on. John, Roger and Kathy will be meeting to sift through and organize the many pages of notes/minutes to condense to a discussable, organized format and will share with everyone at an upcoming meeting.

Stewardship Campaign – the Campaign began January 24th. It will be a part of our theme “Speak, we are listening.” We have been having brief videos from newer members about why they chose Wesley. There will also be highlights of what we have accomplished in 2020. Wally will also be announcing the conclusion of the Capital Campaign, highlighting with pictures all the projects that have been completed. He will encourage people to consider fulfilling any unpaid pledged amounts and the possibility of continued giving of those allocated funds to the General Funds. Statements will be sent out to the congregation.

Apportionments – After our letter was sent to the District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffrey Bross, about our decisions about apportionment payments, he requested a zoom meeting with Roger and Pastor John. He showed interest in our points, agreed, and added some of his own. He appreciated the dialogue. Where we are financially now, could change. We will send a letter to the Conference Office explaining our decisions, the amounts we are capable of paying, and

that we will be paying these amounts to the General Church. In 2020 we explained we could pay \$48,000.00 and we were, in actuality, able to pay \$36,000. The NIC did not forward any of our money, except \$840.00 to the General Church. They then increased our apportionments for 2021 to \$56,000 and to \$74,780 if we direct monies to the General Church. Pastor John and Roger will craft the letter to the Conference about how this is beyond our financial reach and not an equitable sharing of the apportionment formulas assessed to other churches.

We will also need 2 Lay Members to Annual Conference this year. Our opinions on the decisions and processes made by Conference leadership can be expressed at the Conference meetings. Anyone can present legislation for voting and discussion.

2020 Six Planning Areas- We feel we have completed all these as well as we could have at the present time and will move on to forming areas for 2021.

Reports

Trustees – Toilets in restroom across from gym do not flush very well. New lighting is needed in the bathroom. A new hot water for Nursery School Bathrooms in basement needs to be installed. The leaking of the roof and south wall in Sanctuary needs to be investigated.

Pride Flag – Pastor John reported that the Pride flag has been vandalized again, broken and removed. This time it was caught on video, but the vandal's face is not revealed. The Aurora Police Dept. has been contacted. Roger asked the question if there might be funds available from Memorial to purchase an in-ground, tall flagpole to help prevent this flag from being accessible from ground level.

Pastor John closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Zoom (TBD) meeting will be Mar 1 @ 6:00 pm.