



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

April 13, 2021

Bob McKnight	Kathy Breazeale	Jess Garza
Roger Curless	Pastor John Bell	Dian Wiley
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	Regrets: Jess Garza, Mary Terrell

**Worship** –Roger lead us in Scripture Readings and reflections adapted from the Arthur, Illinois Mennonite Church. The last year was definitely disruptive with everything turned upside down. The scriptures we read tell us all about hope and looking forward and where we put our trust. We then shared what we have done to stay positive and hopeful, what did we see happening at Wesley that gives us a hopeful future, and how can we be helpful in leading the Wesley congregation into a hopeful future. We are hopeful because we did our best to stay connected with the congregation. Online worship was wonderful. Now we look forward to being adaptive, making good use of our resources and finding new ways to do church while we build relationships, providing a safe place for people. We are called to be a hopeful people.

**Prayers** – We held up in prayer Shirley McKnight and Diann’s granddaughter Mollie.

**Minutes** – The minutes from February and March are posted.

**2021 Document resolution from 2021 planning areas-** we reviewed a longer version, with detail, that will be posted on our website and a condensed version that will be published for the congregation to read. By consensus these 7 areas have been adopted as our Strategic Planning areas for 2021 and work may begin.

**Support for community member going on a mission trip** – Pastor John presented a request to help Chrissy Wright, a community and eco activist who is seeking monetary help to pay for a mission trip to Guatemala to build school classrooms out of recycled plastic bottles. (Chrissy is a graduate of our Nursery School). The Board voted to promise a gift of \$500.00, but to also open up the opportunity to support her to the entire congregation. A total of \$1900.00 is needed. By doing so, we are advancing our journey to becoming a Canal Church!

**Finance** – First quarter reporting shows we received \$79,194 in pledged monies vs \$62,499 budgeted amount. Total receipts were \$98,732. Our space sharing revenue is down due to pandemic closure. We are hosting a fundraiser with Butter Braids, hoping to raise \$1,000.00. The congregation has received information on how to participate in this. Expenses were \$106,725 vs \$109,115 budgeted. Building expenses are down due to non-use of building. A \$12,000 transfer was made from the Endowment Funds.

**Endowment Fund** – Rich Brown is retiring as our Fund Manager. He has helped the committee to find and recommend a new Manager, one who will keep our investment policies in place. The Endowment Committee recommended to the Governing Board to accept from SEI, Kit Lancaster CFP, AWAM of Sterling Edge Financial. The Governing Board approved this Fund Manager change and voted to make retroactive to April 1, 2021.

**Trustees** – A new flagpole and flag have been installed high up on the front of the church. The installation was done as a gift to the church. One of our outside security cameras will be focused on this area to try and deter any vandalism. It is a memorial to all of our congregates we lost during the time of the pandemic restrictions donated by DiAnn Wiley. We need to announce its installation and publish a picture.

The small library on our property needs some maintenance work.

New, 85” monitors will be installed in the Sanctuary in the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Jim Merk has been in consultation with a professor from Waubensee College about what is needed to install our basic recording studio on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It was recommended that the Purple Room be used as it has a stage. Jim estimates the work could be done in another month or so.

**Stewardship Campaign** – John announced that there are still some pledges expected to come in, but the results were as planned, and our goal should be reached.

**Re-opening Taskforce** – is still working out details and timelines. Some smaller groups, such as Monday Yoga, have started using the building. John requested guidance for a policy of what to do if someone refuses to wear a mask. All groups that use the building are required to sign a protocol document that states they will enforce the mask wearing policy. If they do not abide by this, their permission to use the building could be revoked.

**Video Editor Taskforce** – has met and created a job position and salary document. Pastor John and Kathy Breazeale need to meet to finalize this document so that we can start the search for this person. When the building re-opens, our staff duties will need to be re-configured, especially Michelle’s.

## **Reports**

Pastor John reported an incident this week where the Fox Valley Recreational Association vans in our parking lot were vandalized and the catalytic converters were stolen out of them.

At 7:40 PM the Governing Board adjourned its meeting and reconvened as a Staff Parish Committee of the whole to complete its section of the annual pastor evaluation for the Northern Illinois Conference.

**Next Zoom Meeting Monday MAY 17 @ 6:00 pm.**