



GOVERNING BOARD IN PERSON MEETING

September 9, 2021

Bob McKnight	Kathy Breazeale	DiAnn Wiley
Roger Curless	Pastor John Bell	Mary Terrell
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	

Worship – Roger led worship with these questions. 1) who is God? Acts. In God we live and move. 2) Who am I? Matthew. Whoever does the will of God is a child of God. 3) Who are we together? Saints and other souls. God’s Children through Christ. We are the Body of Christ. We are resurrected people with people everywhere.

Minutes – All previous minutes are posted.

Report on Sanctuary Organ. The process of repair has been slowed down due to insurance negotiations. There could be as much as \$20,000.00 damage as reported earlier from roof leaking over pipe room and collapse of materials into pipes. Roger, Wally and Jim will collaborate on a letter to be sent to congregations explaining damage, pictures and repair process and costs.

Staff Parish – We would like to have a Staff Recognition Day in October that will highlight our staff and what they have done and accomplished the last 18 months. October 10 was discussed (But has now been changed to Oct. 17.) Kathy, Roger and Mary will work with Pastor John on descriptions and presentation. Donations of Cash gifts will be appreciated.

Reopening for Worship – First and foremost, we are being cautious. John will make an announcement as to why we can’t go back to where we were before the pandemic with 2 services, praise band, choirs, congregational singing, etc. We are at the staff’s capacity with the production of our online service and 1 in person worship service. After review of our numbers and space capacities, it will be safest to have all services in the Sanctuary. In the last 4 weeks we have had 3 visitors. We still need ushers and greeters.

Finance – we now have added the ability to scan a QR code to make offerings and donations or contributions. John and staff are working on the new budget.

Trustee Report – Jim Merk reported that 3 quarters of the new equipment for our AV Studio on 3rd floor has arrived. The room has been cleared. It should be ready to go in October. We do not have the capacity to do live streaming because of the different cameras needed and a large group of volunteer staff is needed.

Jim has donated funds and is set to start ordering equipment for the AV studio by the end of September. It will in the room on 3rd floor that had a puppet stage.

Maintenance was performed on the 7 A/C units in Gathering Place, Parlor and Chapel. Only 1 unit will require additional Freon.

South Wall in the Sanctuary leaking and crumbling plaster issues – These issues have been reoccurring about every 7 to 10 years since the 1960's. It seems to be connected to long time roofing issues that we also have. Wally and Jim will be investigating. A structural engineer may be called in to help us find the source and provide recommendations.

Drinking Fountains – Fire Marshall has requested we install ground fault outlets for all fountains. Wally switched them out.

Pre School now has hot water in their bathrooms as prescribed by DCFS.

Wally made an inspection of all the emergency lights. Half of their batteries were dead. He replaced them all. LED lights are also being added to many of our light fixtures.

Vandalism Report – Pastor John is working with the police reporting a person who was trespassing and did minor acts of vandalism on our property,

Space Sharing report – this will most likely be the last year for our nursery school due to declining enrollment. We have not been able to communicate with People for Child Care about their plans and what to do with all their materials and belongings. Pastor John met with a person from Invest Aurora who toured the building. His suggestions were that with some upgrades our commercial kitchen could be a hot commodity in today's age of small businesses and entrepreneurs and not for profit Incubators. The going rental price is \$10 to \$15 a square ft.

Old Business

Governing Board Nominations and Member interviews. John and Roger will put together some dates for us to consider. Also, all members need to be thinking of persons to invite to serve on the Board. We need to ask a member of the congregation to participate in these interviews.

Re-opening Survey – After several weeks have passed by worshipping on our new schedule, we need to think of survey questions to go out possible asking our people 1. Why did they come back? 2. Why haven't we seen them? 3. Other questions to be thinking about?

Annual Church Conference with District Superintendent will be Wednesday Dec. 8. –6:00pm
SPRC meeting, 7pm congregational meeting.

The Governing Board moved to Executive session.

Bob McKnight closed the meeting in prayer at 7:30 pm. Rich Brown, Declan Apelquist and DiAnn's sister and her oldest grandchild were lifted up in prayer

The next meeting will be October 14 @ 6:30. – In Person. DiAnn will be responsible for worship. Mary will do closing prayer.

