



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

March 30, 2020

Kathy Breazeale

Jim Merk

Bob McKnight

Roger Curless

Pastor John

Wally Loague

Mary Terrell

Worship –We each lit a candle at home. Roger lead us through a responsive Reading from Psalm 103. “Let my whole being bless the Lord.” The Psalms talk about the Power of God – and how God takes care of God’s Children. We shared our personal joys and concerns over life during the Corona virus and necessary lifestyle changes. We should continue to pray for the immigrants and refugees and for those that live in the slums of India and other parts of the world. Separation and sheltering safe is not a choice they have. Pray for those that have lost their jobs and incomes, because of the virus and recent tornadoes. The Word of the Lord is our shelter, our armor. Pray for all the truck drivers who keep commerce going. Pray for those trapped overseas and are unable to get home.

Minutes of our last meeting are posted on the website.

Discussion of YouTube church and activities

We have received positive comments about our online worship and activities. Pastor John has received appreciative emails. People can also comment on the chat boxes that appear on the YouTube watch parties. The staff recorded their sections for worship and Michelle compiled and uploaded.

Discussion of Managing Cash Flow

An Easter letter will be going out to congregation this week. Envelopes will be included to encourage continued giving. Also, later in April, an appeal for UMCOR will go out. Pastor John is investigating the setting up a fund at Wesley to help those in the church and possibly people in our community. We would be asking those who receive their stimulus check to consider donating a tithe or more to this fund. Checks could be mailed to the church and there will also be a link to donate on our website, open to anyone, church related or not, to contribute. A process will be set up to get information to congregation, collection, setting of criteria, and application for gifts. We must remember that refugees and

undocumented workers don't qualify for the Stimulus checks and are not eligible for unemployment. Their needs are soaring. Wally volunteered to help John with this project.

Governing Board Reach out to families on Directory

It is the Board's desire to contact everyone in the church to ask how they are doing, if they need anything, are they able to connect using the internet, etc.

Kathy will be splitting the Directory in sections for each person. She will also contact Meredith Lindgren and Carol Stoffel to ask them to join us in this effort. Kathy will check with Jenny Pawlowski to see if there are households in our Constant Contacts program who are not in directory.

We think it would also be helpful for the Coordinators to join us for our weekly meeting the Monday after Easter.

Easter & Holy Week

Planning is still ongoing. Staff is working on how to use all internet avenues. Possibly recording people, children, musicians and produce a great service. Plans are coming together for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and a Community Good Friday (with New England and Society 57) . Certainly, after the Corona Virus crises is resolved we will have Worship together and an epic Celebration.

Closing

Wally closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: Monday April 6, 2020 by zoom at 2:00 pm.