



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2018

Kathy Breazeale
Mary Terrell
Roger Curless

Pastor John Bell
Wally Loague

Fred Neumann
Bruce Lawrie

Regrets:

Bruce Lindgren

Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ Candle was lit and the Board Members read and participated in the Wesley Covenant Renewal Service, (Scripture was John 15:1-8), and ended with serving each other communion.

What Can We Celebrate Since Last We Met

The December minutes have been reviewed and posted on the Governing Board Website. Discussion and review was held about the 1st Breakfast with the Governing Board held in December. We have underlying issues with congregational communication that will be addressed. The staff will also communicate when new projects are started. Also, a survey will be taken from everyone asking how they prefer their communication – mail, e-mail or text. The next Breakfast with the Governing Board will be Monday, Mar 12 @ 10:00 am.

Discussion was held on the Annual Church Conference held Tuesday, January 9 @7pm. Attendance was low. Should a different day be considered? Pastor John reported that we are at the mercy of the DS or facilitator's schedule and our assigned date. Pastor John also suggested we design the Agenda – with an emphasis on our vision and engaging people in celebration of what we have accomplished. Most of the actual business can take place in 15 minutes.

Comments received on Christmas Eve Service included: unable to see the mime, where was the Christmas Message? Pastor John reported the staff was trying to do a balance between old and new. Also, using families to light the Advent wreath was missed.

What do we need to accomplish in our time together today?

Capital Campaign – The new Project Prioritization/Benchmark graph was reviewed. This document will be given to the congregation this Sunday.

Thank you Wally for all your hard work. The advance giving meetings will be Feb. 2.

January 28th – Gratitude Sunday – Sermon: Generosity “Grounded in Gratitude

February 4th - Sermon: Generosity “The Impact of Ministry”

February 3-6 – Advance Committee Gatherings

February 11th – Sermon: Generosity “Revealed in Prayer”

February 18th – Sermon: Generosity “Sacrificial Giving” – Celebration Event

February 24th – Prayer Event

February 25th – commitment Sunday – Sermon: Generosity “Lived in Faith”

Long Range Planning Retreat – Friday March 16 – Pastor John, Roger & Kathy will meet soon to complete planning.

Apportionment Appeal – We are appealing the \$62,000.00 assigned giving level. In the last 5 years we have seen an increase of 18.2% in apportionments, where as our overall operations expenses have only increased 2.4%. Most of this is due to the changes to the Single Board Governance and the accounts where certain salaries were paid being moved from the former trustee budget to operating expenses. – they were not new hires. We are requesting a return to the 2016 level - \$52,356 with an increase of 3% to this amount to \$54,000.00. This amount will still be an increase over the apportionments in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The Governing Board believes this will be within the capacity of the giving of the congregation and will provide a level which the conference can reliably expect to be paid in full.

Ministry Updates – The coordinators have met and have developed a yearly calendar.

Jenny and John are researching active shooting training for the church.

An intern has been hired as sound person.

A New Members Class will be held in February

The Cluster will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Service at Bethany. The offering will go to Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief.

Staff Parish subcommittee will meet Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 2pm to discuss job descriptions.

The meeting closed in prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 19, 2018 @2pm