



## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

### **Those in attendance:**

Pastor John Bell	DiAnn Wiley	Kathy Breazeale
Wally Loague	Jim Merk	Bob McKnight
Jonathan Akyea	Roger Curless	

Regrets: Mary Terrell

### **Opening**

Roger led the board in a time of worship to open the meeting.

### **What do we need to discuss in our time together today?**

#### **Trustees**

- A balcony monitor has been installed so that those in the chancel can see what is being projected into the sanctuary.
- Work progresses on restoring the organ. The wind chests and pipes are being completed while work is being completed with dry wall and plastering. This all should be completed by August but there is electrical work to be done also and there is no schedule on it.
- A ridge guard on a portion of the roof blew off in a recent storm. Bids are being secured to repair and replace.
- Gutter cleaning and roof inspection is schedule. There is some leaking on the east side of the sanctuary.
- Work to be done includes the sidewalk replacement and the mats from the parking lot.

#### **Finance**

- Finance has a schedule meeting and will have a 5-month report for the Governing Board and congregation.

## Staff-Parish

- The Governing Board adjourned to Executive Session to complete the annual pastoral evaluation which will then be submitted to the District Superintendent. The evaluation followed the areas provided by the Superintendent.

## Ministry Areas and Considerations

- One of the questions from the annual pastoral assessment is: “What is God calling Wesley to do?”
  - Continue to reach out and work solutions to the issues facing the community.
  - Stay engaged beyond Wesley and be a presence across the community.
- Strategy – The need for some strategizing was discussed. A quarterly meeting with the staff coordinators was proposed as necessary for building our strategy.
- An Arts Camp is being planned for the summer
- Summer programs with meals will be going on again this year at Blackhawk Park. There will be support from the Northern Illinois Foodbank on June 1 and then every Tuesday and Thursday in June. A different strategy may be used in July and August.
- June 12 is the Aurora Pride Parade. Wesley will be serving a breakfast from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. New England Congregational will be offering worship from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM and then both congregations will walk to be in the parade.
- June 19 – June tenth – Nick Thompson will be preaching for worship.
- Pre-school is officially closed. Ways to continue to be involved in early childhood education using the Wesley spaces is being explored.
- Pastor John will be speaking at a conference in Sweden in June.
- Efforts continue to get a meeting scheduled with the District Superintendent and the bishop for discussion on:
  - Wesley’s support of the general church through apportionments
  - Relationship with Annual Conference
  - With the closing of Flowing Forth – where is commitment to Aurora?
  - Before confirming a date, the Governing Board will frame that meeting.

The meeting closed with identifying members of Wesley in need of prayer and a time of prayer.

**Next Governing Board meeting – June 29, 2022 – 6:30 PM.**

