



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING by ZOOM

January 12, 2022

Attending:

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

The meeting opened with worship led by Kathy Breazeale. It centered around prayers for Wesley for the coming year and the work of the Governing Board.

- A special welcome for Jonathan Akyea as he becomes a member of the Governing Board.
- Staff- Parish  
There is an online leadership training event for the Prairie Central District on January 29, 2022. The workshops will be conducted on-line. Registration will be done by the office so those wishing to attend need to let Pastor John or Jenny by January 21.
- Trustees
  - The south wall in the sanctuary has been repaired and patched again.
  - The work in the organ loft on the west side has been repaired and is schedule for painting.
  - The organ pipes have been removed from the west loft and will be reinstalled when the cabinet for them is completed and installed. The insurance company has finally agreed to cover to total cost of repairs - \$109,000. The cost to repair ceiling being covered by insurance is \$3,275.00.
  - Work is also being schedule for the east organ loft. A donation of \$25,000 has been received for that work.
  - Olson Roofing will be working on the roof about the organ lofts to prevent more falling slate. Work scheduled for this spring will cost between \$2,500 and \$3,500.
  - A full report on the organ and the repairs will be made to the congregation in the next week.
  - Painting in the sanctuary has been bid with Nedro doing the painting again at a cost of \$9,000.00. Once the sanctuary has been painted other parts of the building will be scheduled.

The Governing Board accepted the reporting from the Trustees and affirmed the planned expenditures and plans for painting work to be done through this year.

The use of the building by other groups was discussed. There is approximately 20,000 square feet of space available for use. There have been discussions with the City of Aurora regarding the THRIVE program which supports small business start-ups. There is interest in using space for offices, conference rooms and other development. To move forward there will need to be access to the upper floors with the installation of an elevator.

Other considerations regarding the space:

- Creating a Worship Office area for rehearsals.
- Making the kitchen available food preparation groups for home delivery meals. The kitchen will be painted with an anti-microbial paint. A grease trap and fire suppression system will also be required.

- Elevator Discussion

Use of the building space by any group will require accessibility. There are possible funding sources with the City of Aurora and the THRIVE program, grants and from the Annual Conference. To secure funding and move forward work by an architect and construction resource will need to be done. An overview of what is needed for the planning has been done. For full architectural drawings and construction assessment a contract will need to be signed with an architect. The cost will be \$6,400.00. It was moved by Roger and seconded by DiAnn and Bob that the Trustees move ahead with securing the plans.

- Per the decisions at past board meetings, an attorney has been retained to provide Wesley with any assistance in a potential settlement. The United Methodist Church has committed \$30,000,000 to the \$3.4 - \$3.6 billion dollars fund for settlement of the 86,000 claims that have been filed.

- The current charter with Troop 11 goes until March 2022. Before that point Wesley will need to determine its relationship with the troop. The option being recommended from the lawsuit is not to charter because the Boy Scouts cannot offer protection to a chartering organization. Wesley could let the district council charter Troop 11 and Wesley could continue to provide shared space.

- Everything is pretty much on hold until the bankruptcy court has closed the case.

The Governing Board will continue consultations with the conference and with the attorney as things progress to closure and by March will determine which relationship with the troop will enable protection for Wesley.

- Finances – 2021 Year End and 2022 Budget Adoption

There was a review of the current financial positions and then a discussion on setting a budget for 2022. The 2021 year ended with \$429,358 in gross revenues from all

sources. The total expenditures were \$430,763 meaning we ended the year \$1,405.00 over our projected spending. When the budget was crafted for 2001, it was anticipated that there would be a need to use \$145,447 in interest and part of the endowment. At year end, the draw on the endowment was only \$72,001 which included the interest and part of the general endowment fund. With the loss of all space sharing income for most of the year the year end picture was more positive than expected.

- A balanced budget with \$469,878.96. was presented for 2022. Bob made the motion to adopt the budget as presented. There was a second by Jim and unanimous approval for setting the 2022 budget. Resources persons for questions from the congregation regarding the budget are DiAnn Wiley, Roger Curless, Pastor John and Jenny Pawlowski.
- Strategic Planning  
The Governing Board and staff will be meeting to do some planning. New Beginnings is a discernment mode used by the United Church of Christ and Pastor John is discussing it with a pastor recommend to us.
- In-Person Worship – It is agreed that the recommendations to return to online worship from now until the first Sunday in February is correct given the recent surge in the new variants of the virus.
- Our attorney is recommending that we change/update our filing status to this newer incorporating act. Our current status is under old law from the 1800s that does not have a lot of case law behind it. Pastor John is researching this process.
- Names of individuals in the congregation and others known to members of the Board who could us some kind of card from the Board were lifted and cards will be sent.
- The meeting closed in prayer led by Jim Merk.
- The next Governing Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Curless, Secretary  
Governing Board

