



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Those in attendance:**

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

**Opening**

- Worship led by Kathy with a communal prayer for God to surprise us in many ways as we head into 2022.

**What do we need to discuss in our time together todayChurch**

- Trustees
  - Kitchen Work - There is an opportunity for Wesley to become a “ghost kitchen” and rented by at least one group so far for food preparation. After an inspection of the kitchen there is a list of improvements and changes that will need to be done to be in code with the city and county health department. At this time the City of Aurora is requesting churches with large kitchens consider making themselves available for this kind of service. To that end, financial support is likely to be available for the work that will need to be done. An architect is working now to build the the actual needs and plan. Once the specific needs and plans are completed they will be reviewed for final planning and approval by the Governing Board.
  - Elevator – An architect had begun taking measurements and getting specs for the installation of an elevator to make all floors accessible. In order to make the building available for multiple kinds of ministry, the floors have to be accessible. This will include schmatics as well as an estimate of costs. A variety of potential funding sources is being identified include the city and the United Methodist Church.
  - Organ - Work is underway. The chest to hold the pipes on the west side is being built but there is not a progress report on it, All of the work on the

west side is going to be covered by the insurance, There is some damage discovered in the east side which will need attention also.

This is going to be a multi-step process with the wind chest and then the inspection of the pipes for any damage and then repair. A timeline for the return of the organ is not able to be done at this time. Pipes are going to be removed in the next couple weeks. Necessary repairs to prevent the causes of the leaks and damage are in various stages of completion.

- Painting is continuing but not as much is going to be done in the building as was originally planned. Current focus is the stairways.
- The outside elevator is in need of parts to operate without having someone there to open the doors.

- Pastor John

- Space Sharing – Echo Development is preparing to use the rooms under the sanctuary for offices and some direct service delivery. The rent is \$350.00 per month.
- Mask Mandate at Wesley is being reviewed. There will be a continuation of review of data. There may be an optional mask option. Think about mask wearing to protect others.
- Pastor John would like to try engaging the congregation in outreach. It would involve using the first Sunday of the month to have people bring ideas for needs in the community to focus on for a month. Everyone could bring ideas and then organize to work on them for a month. Might try it for a few months and see how it goes,
- As space is being made available, a new space sharing agreement is going to need to be completed. It is underway and will come to the Board at a later date.

- Other Items:

Vans that belonged to People for Childcare. All of the catalytic converters have been stolen out of them. These are going to have to be repaired before disposing of the vans. The current plan is to sell two and keep on for church use.

The alarm system is in need of an upgrade if there is going to be wider use of the building. The use of keys and codes is not going to be practical. The change will be to move to key fobs on the outside doors. The cost for the transition will be \$2,260.00 and add a \$50.00 monthly charge. After some discussion by a unanimous consensus the decision was to proceed with the transition.

Scouting Situation: Wesley is making sure corporation status is current and the attorney will review. There is no final decision as yet but the United

Methodist Church has agreed to put \$30 million in the scout settlement fund. The amount for Northern Illinois Conference will be about \$800,000. There is a suggestion for each troop to pay into the fund. Chartering of troops has been extended until June of 2022.

- Staff/Parish
  - Discussion of NIC Leadership and Training presentation by Dr. LaBoy
- Finance-Update – None for this meeting.

### **What or who at Wesley needs our prayers today?**

- Names of those you know who might need a personal card of encouragement, get well or sympathy from Governing Board.

### **What challenges, obstacles, risks are we facing?**

- There was a lengthy discussion on the Adapt-Pivot-Thrive video. It is a discussion which will be continued as we consider how Wesley will be returning to more ministry post-pandemic.
- The same kind of discussion and planning needs to occur with all the staff. Tentative meeting dates are March 26 or April 2. Pastor John will coordinate.
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### **Closing Prayer-DiAnn**