

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2015**

Becky Johnson, President, called the meeting to order following a soup and chili lunch. She called on Lynne Shaw, Vice President, to read the 2016 proposed slate of officers. They are:

President:	Kay Bjornen
Vice-President:	Larry Cowan
Secretary:	Jenith Mashek
Treasurer:	Tim Collins
Financial Secretary:	Jenny Downey
Trustee:	Lynne Shaw
Education:	Dee Lynd
Evangelism:	Carol Smith
Fellowship:	Marit Grant
House and Grounds:	Joe Brown
Member Care:	Pat Brown
Outreach:	Mary Helen Buttman
Stewardship:	Mike Bouvier
Worship:	Carol Ann Hildabrand, Patrick Johnson, Kevin Bennett
Elders:	Linda Bracken, Larry Cowan, Kari Ann Grant, Becky Johnson

The congregation voted unanimously to accept this slate of officers.

Becky reported that she has appointed five members to the Settled Minister Search Committee. They are Avery Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Laurie Collins, Marit Grant, Evan Zorn. Kay Bjornen, as next year's president, may be appointing a few more. Leslie Dodson, from our Regional Office will be available in January to meet with the committee to help point out a way to begin.

Kevin Bjornen reported for Family Promise. We will be hosting them this week beginning this evening. The families will be staying overnight. Kevin stated that our insurance will cover us for this program. In case the fire department should decide to issue a fine, three rooms have been reserved in a rental apartment. Hosts are needed for two evenings, Thursday and Saturday.

Joe Brown reported on the proposed Alcohol Policy which a committee including Joe Brown, Chair, Mike Bouvier, Larry Cowan, Adele Moore and Carol Smith. Various churches have been consulted about their policies. Following their investigation, a DCC Alcohol Policy has been written as well as an Alcohol Policy Use Agreement. See the attached policy. Becky stated that the wording in the bylaws will be changed to refer to the new policy. Becky called for a show of hands in favor. There were four votes against. It carried by a simple majority.

Babe Addington presented the proposed budget for 2016. The total of \$188,526 has been pledged, or accounted for in unpledged giving or loose offering. Laurie Collins pointed out that the line expenses only total \$159,177, a difference of about \$30,000. Several commissions have had their budgets cut or asked for less when that may not be necessary. Becky stated that

there are two options. We can approve what we have or we can reassess in January where adjustments are needed. Tim Collins moved and Patrick Johnson seconded a motion that we accept the total budget of \$188,526 today, relooking at the details as we make plans in January. The motion carried. Scott Taylor said that he has a date of January 23 for a goal setting and program planning event for the year. Once programs are planned the church can determine where additional funding is needed.

Becky called for any year end reports of commission chairs.

Education: Kay Bjornen reported that children and youth Sunday School programs have been ongoing.

Elders: Adele Moore reported that Scott will be working with the elders on the spiritual aspects of being an elder.

Evangelism: Carol Smith mentioned the DCC sign that has been repainted on Hiway 75. Their budget has been low because they have concentrated on calling on visitors.

Fellowship: Mary Helen Buttman reported having an ice cream social in June, a retirement party for Bill English in September, and two events this weekend.

House and Grounds: Edward Smith reported on the new surfaces on the parking lots, the filming on the windows, repairing a damaged sign, and replacing LED lights in the sanctuary.

Member Care: Pat Brown needs volunteers for next year to help with member care.

Outreach: Roger Alexander reported that Outreach determined how the \$20,000 they were allocated for outreach was divided among various charities. There were 6 special offerings during the year. M'Lis Jenkins reported a meeting to be held Monday morning at the Washington County Administration Building regarding the continuation of a much needed city bus program. She needs help and support on that.

Stewardship: Babe Addington appreciated the help from her committee and thanked Tim Collins for chairing the project to fund the parking lot and put covering on the windows.

Worship: Patrick Johnson and Kevin Bennett reported that people have been faithful and present. They are attempting to make worship multi-sensory.

Scott Taylor gave the Pastor's Report. He thanked everyone for welcoming him. He commented that everyone may not feel as welcome. As new people come in they see a visitor's center, but nothing is there to welcome a new person. There are only sign-up sheets for activities of members. There is a rack on the wall with past sermons, but nothing about this church. We do well taking care of ourselves, but do visitors feel comfortable in our service? We have an incredible opportunity here. Do we need budget for Evangelism, marketing and advertising. Scott proposed a planning meeting on Saturday, Jan. 23 to put together a calendar.

Becky thanked all who brought food today. She thanked people who came with questions and suggestions during her term as president. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenith Mashek, recording secretary