

DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BOARD MEETING  
June 25, 2015

Members present were: Becky Johnson, Lynne Shaw, Betty Sapp, Adele Moore, Joe Brown, Kay Bjornen, Carol Smith, Mary Helen Buttman, Ed Smith, Pat Brown, Babe Addington, Roger Alexander, Bill English. Guests were: Nola Deffenbaugh and Gary Buttman

Becky Johnson gave the opening prayer.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Becky Johnson has been advertising for volunteers to serve on the Safety Committee. No one has come forward. She is considering asking Dee Lynd's husband.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill English announced that he will retire as on August 31, 2015 . The Fellowship Commission was asked to plan a Pot Luck dinner for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Interim Minister Search Committee consists of Cindy Bennett, Jerry Bork, Mary Helen Buttman , Jerry Deffenbaugh and Carol Ann Hildabrand. There will be a separate Settled Minister Search Committee. Members are encouraged to suggest names for the Settled Committee. There will be seven to nine members. Carol Smith moved and Joe Brown seconded the motion to approve the Interim Minister Search Committee. The motion passed.

Leslie Dotson, Associate Regional Minister, is assisting our Congregation during the transition period. The first meeting of the Interim Committee will be on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Leslie has suggested that the Worship Chair position not be filled until the Interim Minister is the called. The Worship Commission can act as a group for now. The purpose of Interim Minister is to get the "house in order" before the Settled Minister is called. It is an opportunity to think through new things. She suggests that the process keep communication open with a Communication Board.

3. Gary Buttman will replace Betty Sapp as Treasurer effective immediately. Bank Account signatories will be updated. Ed Smith moved and Babe Addington seconded the motion to appoint Gary Buttman as Treasurer. The motion passed.
4. The new Alcohol Policy Review Committee has been appointed with Joe Brown, Chair, Mike Bouvier, Larry Cowan, Adele Moore and Carol Smith. Joe mentioned that he has been contacting various churches with most saying they that have no official alcohol policy and that they simply expect reasonableness. Since we have a "no alcohol" written policy at present, it will take a vote to undo it. The reasons given for allowing alcohol are for weddings and funerals if desired, Communion, Seder meals, civic organizations using the property and attracting young people. Kay

Bjornen moved and Roger Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Committee. The vote was unanimous.

5. Becky Johnson asked the Board to help with a \$200 cost to subsidize 20 children going to the Nowata pool for the rest of the summer. Most of the children are on DHS subsidies. Many people gave donations after the meeting.

## REPORTS

6. TREASURER: Betty Sapp reported that the finances are doing fine.
7. EDUCATION: Kay Bjornen said that Sunday School wrapped up at the end of the school year and will begin again in the fall. She will be looking for help with the Youth Sunday School program in the fall.
8. EVANGELISM: Carol Smith is working on getting our Highway 75 sign repainted. A new attendee is interested in joining the choir.
9. FELLOWSHIP: Mary Helen Buttman announced that about 60 people attended the Ice Cream Social. It was a great success.
10. HOUSE AND GROUNDS: Ed Smith reported that he and John Smith worked on leveling a drainage problem outside. A window re-cracked in the Baptistry area. The steeple is bending a little and a cabinet in the choir room came loose from the wall. Joe Brown mentioned that Dan Cunningham can seal the cracks and seal the pavement on the eastside for \$1900, thus making the parking lots look similar. He said that Steve Holland told him this could be done with the approval of the President, House and Grounds Chair, and Stewardship Chair by taking money from the Contingency Fund.
11. MEMBERCARE: Pat Brown said the Commission is functioning well with many people helping.
12. STEWARDSHIP: Babe Addington reported that, as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, \$60,551.56 has been pledged for the driveway and window improvements. Of this amount \$40,681.56 is on hand. The Church took money from the Savings Account to pay for the parking lot improvements and this borrowing is being returned as pledges come in. Babe will report the status to the Congregation. She will also ask Jenny Downey about the status of all pledges.
13. OUTREACH: Roger Alexander talked about the importance of Outreach to the Congregation. Family Promise will start in the fall and we will house people in our church once a quarter. We have participated for seven years in Nicaragua . Six

special offerings are taken each year. The Car Repair Offering on Father’s Day was inadvertently neglected. There will be a community Car Repair Fundraiser on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Gary Buttman suggested we collect an offering at this time.

14. WORSHIP: Bill English commented that there has been good energy for our single “blended” service. He has heard no complaints. Communion procedures are now about where we want them. He acknowledged the creative work of Patrick Johnson and Kevin Bennett. The Choir is on summer hiatus.

15. SENIOR MINISTER: Bill English said that it was not an easy decision to retire but that the time seemed right due to his daughter’s wedding overseas. He gave 90 days notice and will be here the last six weeks of his term. He has recently taken a two week sabbatical. He will be going to New York to visit his daughter. Fifteen youth are going to General Assembly , accompanied by Kevin and Cindy Bennett and Kari-Ann Grant. Avery Bennett serves on the denominational Youth Council and attended an Asian Pacific Disciples Meeting in Arkansas.

The meeting closed with the singing of “Go Now in Peace”.

**BOARD MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 25, 2015**

President: Becky Johnson	Education: Kay Bjornen
Vice President: Lynne Shaw	Evangelism: Carol Smith
Secretary: Jenith Mashek	Fellowship: Cindy Bennett, MH Buttman
Treasurer: *Gary Buttman	House & Grounds: Ed Smith
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Trustee: Joe Brown	Outreach: M Jenkins, R Alexander
Trustee: Vera Hicks	Stewardship/Finance: B Addington
Trustee: Gary Downey	Worship: Bill English
Chair of Elders: Adele Moore	
Senior Minister: Bill English	

\*Represents a change

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Shaw, Acting Recording Secretary