

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH GENERAL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING**

The meeting of the general board opened with prayer by president, Becky Johnson at 3pm on Saturday afternoon. Present were Carol Smith, Babe Addington, Kevin Bennett, Tim Collins, Cindy Bennett, Patrick Johnson, Lynne Shaw, Mary Helen Buttman, Kay and Kevin Bjornan, Adele Moore, Gary Buttman, Becky Johnson, Roger Alexander, and Jenith Mashek. Becky had emailed a copy of the October 1 board meeting minutes to members of the board. She asked for corrections or additions. Lynne moved and Carol seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Kay reported that Family Promise will be back in our building on December 13. There still is not an official approval from the Fire Department to allow for persons to stay overnight. Two churches now have housed families in their buildings without that approval. Our insurance company has said that we are in compliance for people to be covered in our building. We have covered the safety bases in our building with the exception of a sprinkling system which is cost prohibitive. Patrick moved and Roger seconded a motion to house the Family Promise families in our building next week. The motion carried. There are 13 people in the families we will be hosting. First Christian had shown interest in being a support host, and Kay will be checking with them to see if there is still interest.

Becky handed out copies of the proposed Alcohol Policy. It has been reworked by Steve Holland for legal terminology. Carol moved and Kay seconded a motion that the proposed Alcohol Policy be accepted and taken to the congregation for approval. The motion carried. If the congregation approves this policy, a change will be required in the by-laws under #5 Procedures and Policies Regarding Reservation and Use of the Building. The proposed change is: The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the building or on the premises must comply with the DCC alcohol policy. Adele moved and Cindy seconded the motion to accept this wording. The motion carried.

Stewardship Chair, Babe presented the proposed budget for 2016 in the amount of \$188,536. This is \$36,000 less than last year's budget but reflects the congregational pledges and what can be anticipated to come in other donations. A copy is attached. Carol moved and Patrick seconded that we accept the proposed budget. The motion carried.

Becky announced the persons she has named to a Settled Minister Search Committee. They are Avery Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Laurie Collins, Marit Grant, Evan Zorn. Kay may want to add another one or two to the committee next year. Leslie Dodson will be coming in January to meet with the committee to help answer questions about how to get started. Kay moved and Cindy seconded that we accept this group to serve on the Search Committee. The motion carried.

Lynne reported that there are two new persons who have agreed to serve as deacons in 2016. They are Avery and Jamie Bennett. The motion was made and seconded by Adele and Roger that we accept these. The motion passed.

Becky said that we will dispense with commission reports at this meeting, but hopes commission chairs will make a short report to the congregation tomorrow about some of the actions of their commissions during the year.

The meeting was adjourned by singing Go Now in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, recording secretary