

## Disciples Christian Church General Board Meeting

April 22, 2018

Present: Gary Downey, Tim Collins, Joe Brown, Kay Bjornen, Carol Smith, Cindy Bennett, Sandra Skinner, Becky Johnson, M'liss Jenkins, Dee Lynd, Pat Riley, Laurie Collins, Kevin Bennett, Jamie Bennett, Mike Bouvier, Josh Linton, Kevin Bjornen, Lynne Shaw

1. Gary Downey called the meeting to order. Jamie Bennett moved, and Tim Collins seconded that, if there are no objections, the Board use a "consent agenda" system for the Minutes and Financial Reports that Board members have received prior to a meeting. The motion passed.
2. Elder Chair Becky Johnson presented a report regarding Disciples Christian Church becoming Open and Affirming with a soft member vote using signatures over a period of time. If approved by the Board, an explanation letter will go out to members. Care Elders will contact their groups to discuss the process and take questions and concerns. Rev. Kelley will preach a sermon on the subject on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Davidson will probably preach the first week in June. Sandra Skinner moved, and Kay Bjornen seconded the motion to approve the Elders' recommendation to move forward with the soft member vote (that would require a 75% majority) to become an Open and Affirming Church. Tim Collins presented a friendly amendment to have the Elder Chair, the General Board President, the Senior Minister, and the Administrative Assistant determine who is eligible to vote using information from the DCC Directory. The amendment and the motion passed.
3. Gary asked what the Board would like to do for the scheduled May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will be out of town and it is also Graduation Sunday. Jamie Bennett said that she could lead the meeting, especially since there are many activities coming up.
4. Gary also advised tabling the rest of the present agenda items due to time.

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5. Education: Dee Lynd reported that May 20<sup>th</sup> is Senior Sunday. Josh Linton will be in charge of the service.
6. Vice President: Jamie Bennett has set up a Google Calendar site to keep track of commission events and she requested names of people who want to be added to the list. Gary suggested having a Google Calendar training in the future.
7. Worship: Laurie Collins reported that the fifth Sunday in April will focus on Nicaragua. People are asked to bring clothing, especially children's clothing and men's dress shoes. There will be a potluck supper after church. She will change the paraments to red for Pentecost.

The Highway Clean-up has been postponed to Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Kelley is coordinating the U2Charist event on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

8. Kay Bjornen reported that Disciples Christian Church will host Family Promise on the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Youth are meeting offsite to plan Senior Sunday but will return to the church on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.
10. Kevin Bennett asked everyone to give one sentence about what they liked about DCC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Shaw, Recording Secretary