

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CABINET
MAY 18, 2015**

Lynne Shaw, Vice President, called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Members present were Babe Addington, Mary Helen Buttman, Carol Smith, Adele Moore, Gary Downey, Roger Alexander, Pat Brown, Bill English, Lynne Shaw and Jenith Mashek. After members had looked over the minutes of the March 16 meeting, they were approved as corrected.

Lynne asked about the status of the church accounts and those who are authorized to work with them. A clarification of the Investment Fund purpose: when people donate stock, it goes through the Investment Fund where it is sold and the cash is deposited into the checking account. Gary Downey will check on the status of those authorized to handle our accounts.

Adele reported for the Elders that the Elder's Retreat is scheduled for October 17 at Phillips Theological Seminary. John Imbler will be the leader. His fee is \$200. We need to find out the cost of using the seminary facilities, and will need to take that to the church board for approval of funds.

There was no financial report. Babe reported that in the last two Sundays contributions of \$5320 have come in for the Capital Campaign.

Lynne reported for the House and Grounds that for an additional \$1900 the east parking lot could be resurfaced so that both lots would look the same. Repairs in the future could be done at the same time. The board would need to approve those funds.

Roger reported for Outreach that when he attends meetings in the community, half of the members are from DCC. There were gifts of \$15,000 from the congregation supporting the Nicaragua trip. That was not in the budget. Family Promise will start in September and will engage a lot of people from our congregation. Casa Hispana needs board members if someone would be interested in volunteering. Pat reported that only two DCC members attended the Personalitea sponsored by Martha's Task. She was disappointed.

Carol reported that the Evangelism Commission has started to prepare welcome baskets for new members. When people join the church there should be a way to get them involved and to feel welcome. In the past the Elders have taken new member packets to those who have joined. We need to resurrect that visit again. Adele will work with the Elders on that.

Lynne talked with Leah Conklin about the youth activities. The youth did a fantastic job for Youth Sunday. The senior speakers and Tom Appleyard, a junior who is moving back to England, were outstanding. Also the music was excellent. The summer schedule of activities will be worked on this week. The youth still need meals on Wednesdays through the summer. There are 11 to 13 active youth. We would like to get the special activities on the church calendar so that the congregation will be aware of what they are doing. Eleven youth will be

attending the General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Following the assembly they will spend a few days at a church camp in Ohio as a mission activity. Kevin and Cindy Bennett will chaperone the group.

For the Fellowship Commission, Lynne asked if we would like to set some dates for summer get-togethers. An ice cream social date was set for June 21. We will invite First Christian Church and also Our Savior Lutheran Church members to join us. It was suggested that we have some games or other activities and Bon Bennett was mentioned as a good resource. A second date of August 16 was chosen as a back-to-school hamburger-hot dog barbeque with a scavenger hunt or other activity planned to go with it.

Other dates to add to the calendar are General Assembly on July 18 to 22. Church Women United's "Create for Mission" day will be July 10 at First Presbyterian Church. Also Encounter will be held July 10-11 in Enid, OK. Marilou will be going to the Association of Directors and Musicians Workshop on June 23.

Adele reported that the elders are trying to streamline the communion service by having four servers. We now have only two deacons serving on Sunday mornings. The deacons are being asked to take over the usher duties also.

Bill gave the Pastor's report. He commented that the kids did a great job on Youth Sunday. There was \$645 given for the spaghetti meal they served. The proceeds will go for their upcoming trip. The Worship Commission has added some changes to the services, some you will be seeing this Sunday. This is Pentecost Sunday and everyone is invited to wear red. Bill will be gone three Sundays in June. One is part of his sabbatical and he will be attending a seminar at Princeton.

Bill mentioned that the sign on the south side of 75 highway is faded and needs to be removed or updated. It is also too low to be seen. The Evangelism Commission is responsible for placing it there. Carol Smith, Evangelism chair asked how to go about that. She will start by talking with Joe Brown who owned the property when it was placed there.

The next meeting date on the calendar is June 22. If there is business to do, the cabinet will meet. Commission heads should let Lynne know. The meeting was adjourned by singing "Go Now in Peace."

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, Recording Secretary