

Disciples Christian Church
Board Meeting
December 2, 2018

Members present: Jamie Bennett, Rev. Kelley Becker, Tim Collins, Cindy Bennett, Joe Brown, Laurie Collins, M'Liss Jenkins, Kris Zorn, Becky Johnson, Jenith Mashek and Carol Smith

Jamie Bennett, vice president, called the meeting to order with a prayer at 11:51 am. She presented the Consent Agenda. Joe Brown moved we accept and Carol Smith seconded. The approved consent agenda is attached.

Rev. Kelley Becker and Kris Zorn, chair of the Pastoral Relations, presented a request that the Board consider allowing the minister to have a three-month sabbatical after three years instead of five as stipulated in the Call Agreement. Information was presented that an Ely-Lily Clergy Renewal Grant is available which the PR commission will submit an application by April 11th 2019. This would be used to fund Rev. Kelley's sabbatical in the summer of 2020 and to fund an interim minister during that period. After more discussion and fact-finding, the PR commission will be bringing a proposal to the Board in January 2019.

Jamie Bennett announced there will be a Board Retreat on January 5, 2019 at Ray of Hope from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Reports:

Minister's Report – Rev. Kelley has been very involved with member pastoral care, planning of advent with the Worship Commission and many meetings with the Finance/Stewardship Commission. This commission is working on increasing visibility of the needs of the church to new members, possibly offering a finance class and will be hosting Bobby Holly from Christian Church Foundation in the near future to discuss DCC's permanent fund.

Christian Education – No report.

Fellowship – Cindy Bennett reported there will be a Linger Longer after the service on 12/23.

Stewardship/Finance – Tim Collins discussed the financial statements when they were presented during the Consent Agenda.

Worship – Laurie Collins announced the Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:30 pm and that the Advent plans have come together nicely.

Marketing, Advertising, Evangelism – No report.

House & Grounds – Joe Brown reported that H & G has underspent their budget for the year and that the insurance proceeds received to repair the portico were more than were needed by \$3,297.76. Tim Collins moved and Joe Brown seconded that the excess funds be transferred from the designated account to the Contingency Account. Motion passed. The snow removal contract has been extended for one year with Kelly Banks.

Outreach – M'Liss Jenkins reported that a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer for Suicide Prevention) will be hosted after the first of the year. The Outreach Commission funded the additional need for sweet potatoes for Concern's Thanksgiving meals. The commission continues to look at ways to help the community by providing meals for the homeless on Sundays. The Commission is working on producing a New Member Packet which will introduce people to the work of the Outreach Commission. Martha's Task will be presenting their handmade wares on December 16th. The Commission is working with Youth Director, Josh Linton, on how to integrate the DCC youth into Outreach programs. There will be a presentation on January 6th by the women who attended the Borderlinks program in Tucson, AZ this past September.

Youth – Rev. Kelley reported for Josh Linton that the youth are meeting on Sundays but that Josh has been very flexible working with the youth to accommodate their schedules during this busy time. The youth went to Tulsa for an interfaith tour. As stated above, Josh is working with Outreach to integrate the youth into some of their programs.

DWM – Jenith Mashek reported that the annual Christmas Program will be held on December 13th in conjunction with FCC.

Elders – Becky Johnson reported that she is still receiving information from active Elders and that a schedule will be issued soon. She announced that the Elders have suspended the Communion service at Tall Grass Estates due to lack of cooperation with Tall Grass administration. The Elder Homebound visitations are still going strong. She highlighted the Elders' support of the O&A process and in the future that emphasis would be placed on supporting Rev. Kelley and the Pastoral Relations commission by helping with more of the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Trustees – Carol Smith, no report.

Rev. Kelley closed the meeting with a prayer. Jamie adjourned the meeting at 12:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Collins
Substitute secretary