

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH CABINET MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

The cabinet meeting was called to order following the congregational meeting. Larry Cowan presided. Also present were Kevin Bennett, Kari-Anne Grant, Tim Collins, Mary Helen Buttman, Carol Smith, Joe Brown, Pat Brown, Laurie Collins, and Jenith Mashek.

Larry asked what concerns we have about the church in the coming year. The budget needs were mentioned as well as a lack of members in the young adult age group.

Reports:

Kari-Anne reported that the youth have a "welcoming winter" event they will be celebrating on Dec. 21. On January 4 our group will be meeting again with the several youth groups they fellowshipped with a few months ago.

Education will have a Children's Christmas presentation during the children's moments next week.

Worship comments were about what would be happening on Christmas and New Year's Day. The adult classes will need to determine if they will meet on those dates. The services will be abbreviated. Laurie is planning for Epiphany Sunday, January 8. She would like to have a Linger Longer following the service. We might want to also have a Recognition of Scott's ministry for the church on that day. Laurie will talk with Kelly Becker about when she will begin her ministry and when we might set a date for her Installation Service. That will be coordinated with the Regional Office and also the Pastoral Search committee.

Laurie mentioned that we have in the past divided up names of potential commission members so that chairpersons are not calling the same ones. It was decided to have a letter for each member of the congregation telling them about the commissions and their responsibilities and asking them to volunteer for one in which they have interest. The letters would be available to be picked up, and those which are not would be mailed to the individuals. Larry volunteered to draft the letter. Tim can prepare a sign-up board with the commissions listed. Information also can be placed in the Disciplegram.

MAE: Tim mentioned that we should have a standard procedure to follow when persons visit the church. We still need to prepare a brochure of information about the church which can be given to visitors. Hopefully Kelly will be able to help with that.

Finance: Tim said that two families are doing automatic drafts to the church. Others are asking about it.

Outreach: Mary Helen reported that the circuit van funding is running out before the end of the year. The Car/Soup Auction next Sunday after church is a fund raiser to help with that.

Member Care: Pat is concerned about finding enough volunteers to fill the calendar to be responsible for member care during the year. Also she has been thinking that member care is duplicating some of the things the elders do and questioning whether there is really a need for this commission. This is one of the things that needs to be talked with Kelly about in coming months.

Larry suggested that commission members make a list of any priority concerns which could use Kelly's help in determining how to move forward. Concerns should be sent to Larry who will compose a list.

Laurie said that she would like to clean out the worship storage room after Epifany Sunday. Tim will build some more shelves so that things can be organized and found more easily. She would be glad to have some help with it.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Kari-Anne.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, Recording Secretary