

Disciples Christian Church
General Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2018

Members in Attendance: Gary Downey, Jenny Downey, Kelley Becker, Carol Smith, Nola Deffenbaugh, Cindy Bennett, M'liss Jenkins, Jamie Bennett, Joe Brown, Mike Bouvier, Dee Lynd and Tim Collins (via Skype).

President Gary Downey called the meeting to order at 11:40 and began with a prayer. Joe Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda; it was seconded by Mike Bouvier and the motion carried.

Gary notified the board that Lynne Shaw had resigned from Secretary of the Board due to health reasons. Gary moved to leave the position open for the remaining months left in the year. He suggested we can have volunteers take minutes for the 3 board meetings left in 2018. Jamie Bennett volunteered to take minutes at this meeting. Joe Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Gary proposed a slate for the Nominating Committee including Jamie Bennett, Carol Smith, Mary Helen Buttman, Lisa Welch and Kevin Bennett. The motion was seconded by Cindy Bennett and motion was approved. Gary asked the Nominating Committee to have the nominations by the next Board meeting.

Mike Bouvier introduced the Narrative Budget to the Board. Kelley showed the board a rough draft. She asked if anyone has additional information, to send it to her before September 2nd.

Gary reviewed the Calendar of Events with the Board. He noted that the September board meeting has been moved to 9/16 since several members will be on the BorderLinks trip on 9/23.

Tim Collins presented the Stewardship Giving Policy document that details how all monies coming into the church are categorized and spent. Tim moved that the Board accept the document as written, Jamie seconded the motion and it was approved.

Tim and Kelley brought to the Board a discussion of creating a volunteer "Book-Keeper" position in order to decrease some of the back-office work the Treasurer is now responsible for. This position will not be a Board member but will work with the Treasurer by completing bank reconciliations, monthly reports etc. as directed by the Treasurer. The Board supports the creation of this position as it should make it easier to fill the treasurer position in the future. Joe Brown asked when this position would start. Tim said it will officially begin January 1, 2019.

Gary brought to the attention of the board that the by-laws state that the Chair of the Memorial Committee is to be the immediate Past-President. Gary made a motion to change Article VI, Section D of the bylaws that would allow the current President to fill this role in the case of the immediate Past-president is unavailable to carry out this role. He also updated the

language to replace Christian Women's Fellowship with Disciples Women's Ministry Nola seconded the motion and it was approved.

Jamie began the Commissions reports by reading the Youth report sent to her by Josh Linton in his absence.

Joe Brown reported for the House and Grounds commission that the Portico repair has been scheduled. He also noted that a gift received by the church from the family of Rosie Wheat will go toward hiring a land-scape architect to design a flower garden in Rosie's memory where some trees had recently been removed. Joe stated that the ground cover currently in place is hard to keep weeds/saplings out and he would ask that the plan includes removal of the ground cover and replacement with low-maintenance plants/shrubs.

Gary asked about the Interment policy for our church when members ask to have remains placed on our grounds. Gary will look for the written policy or work with House and Grounds to create/amend policy for clarification.

Dee reported that the Education Commission is busy working on the Inter-Generational Camping trip that will occur in October. They are also looking to adapt Sunday school for the younger(elementary) aged kids.

M'liss reported that the church is sending a delegation to BorderLinks in September. She also stated that Outreach will be promoting Suicide awareness in September.

Cindy Bennett reported that the Fellowship Commission is in early planning for a Movies-themed dinner for the congregation.

Kelley reported for Laurie Collins that the Worship Commission is planning events for World Communion Sunday, and Advent. Kelley will be preaching from the Narrative lectionary on the Story of God from September to May.

Tim asked the Stewardship, Worship and Fellowship Commissions to work together in planning the upcoming Congregational meeting.

Kelley gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectively submitted,

Jamie Archer Bennett,

Board Vice President