

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CABINET MEETING – MAY 15, 2016**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Larry Cowan, Vice President at 3:30 pm. Members present were Larry Cowan, Adele Moore, Dee Lynd, Tim Collins, Scott Taylor, Kevin Bennett, Mary Helen Buttman, Carol Smith, Pat Brown, Joe Brown, and Jenith Mashek.

Reports of the teams:

Dee reported for Children's Work that the Noah play the children gave last Sunday went well and the children enjoyed presenting it to the congregation. Plans are made for the Senior Sunday reception next week. The church has five graduating seniors who will be honored. The team will be getting plans going for Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 1 to 5.

Scott reported that plans are in progress for the youth mission trip this summer in Colorado. Rob Crawford, minister at First Christian Church in Nowata and a former youth minister at DCC and Kari Anne Grant will be sponsors. Six or seven youth from our church will be going. A fund raiser will be held after the trip to replace funds in the youth budget. Leah Conklin will be leaving soon, some feelers have gone out for a replacement, but we have had no responses.

Mary Helen reported for Outreach that soon there will be an insert in the Sunday bulletin asking people about volunteer organizations where they help and hours spent volunteering. This information will be put on a poster and hung where visitors and members can see our work with the community. The Car Repair Fund sponsored by Church Women United will be held on June 19.

Tim gave the financial report. The checking account has \$65,628.66 and savings has \$29,459.62. Our total assets are \$95,088.28. See the attached balance sheet. Our new secretary will be starting this week and can probably do the check writing for the church. Tim has a meeting with Arvest Bank personnel to continue working on setting the church up for electronic banking.

Tim reported that we have about 30 family unit pictures out of 45 or 50 for the pictorial directory which we can now begin putting together. Other pictures can be added later if people want to add theirs. Members will need a password to access the online directory. The directory can also be printed for those who would like a copy.

Kevin reported for worship that they are thinking about what people see when they come to worship. He will be forming a team to evaluate what goes on in worship and how it meets people's needs. It was suggested that there might be some explanations added to the bulletin explaining some of the rituals, for example the carrying in and out of the "Light" by the acolytes. The balloon flames representing the Holy Spirit created by the Patrick Johnson family were tremendous. The suggestion was made that CD's of the service or just the sermon could be taken to home-bound members. Inexpensive CD players could be taken to them for their use.

House and Grounds was reported on by Joe. He has received a check of \$7400 from Verdigrees Valey Electric Co. covering the damage to the parking lot. He is in the process of cleaning up the clutter in the church and asking people to pick up anything they want. The kitchen committee is Stephanie Holland and Maggie Humble. Because Stephanie is very busy with Steve, Joe asked a temporary committee of Carol Smith, Sandra Skinner, and Jenith Mashek to clean out the pantry and determine what needs to be kept. Joe will take all leftovers to Tuesday House.

Carol reported for MAE – Evangelism that the Welcome Center is working out well. She is finding that some people are continuing to place items on it other than for welcoming visitors. The team is talking about brochures and what information should be in them. We still need some new signage for the education building hallway that clarifies who meets in the rooms. They are considering T-shirts for Disciples members.

Scott reported for Fellowship which met last week to make plans for an ice cream social at the church on August 28. Joe mentioned a possible site at Silver Lake for a future picnic. He will make some inquiries into that possibility.

Adele reported for the Elders that they are a committed bunch. They need to have some new member packets to take to new members when they visit.

Pat reported for Member Care that it would be good to have a report from those who have been responsible for a two week period so that we know what is happening with the sick and homebound.

Jenith mentioned we need to talk about ways to recruit volunteers for Family Promise before we host the program again. Our volunteer base needs to be expanded so that we don't wear out those who have helped to date. One suggestion made was to invite friends from other churches to give us some help.

The next cabinet meeting will be June 19 after church.

Scott gave the pastor's report. He said we need to think about Kitchen Hospitality. Groups need to clean up the kitchen after use so that it is ready for the next group who use it. He handed out the policy for use which his church in Grand Island had developed. We may need to consider setting up a similar policy.

Scott will have a summer sermon series from scriptures from the Sermon on the Mount. That will start on June 5. With no further business Scott closed with a reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek
Recording Secretary