

**MINUTES
DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CABINET
AUGUST 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Lynne Shaw, vice-president of the congregation. She opened with a prayer. Those attending were: Babe Addington, Roger Alexander, Mary Helen Buttman, Marit Grant, Carol Ann Hildabrand, Dewayne Moore, Betty Sapp, Lynne Shaw, Carol Smith, Edward Smith and pastor, Bill Inglish. As the minutes of the July 10 meeting had previously been sent by email to cabinet members, Lynne asked for approval. Dewayne Moore made the motion to approve the minutes and Betty Sapp seconded. The **minutes** were approved.

Minister's Report: Bill reported that his vacation was wonderful as was his retreat at the Center for Courage and Renewal in Wisconsin. He thought that Celebration Sunday was good. There were a lot of people, lots of children, decorations everywhere. There have been 5 or 6 couples visiting, some of them for quite a while. On August 20, Bill joined the Youth Group and some of their parents in taking the "Ice Bucket Challenge" which is a current fundraiser for ALS. Bill has been working with Becky Johnson on Personnel and Pastoral Relations committees.

Commission Reports:

Stewardship—Babe Addington said that she and Betty Sapp, treasurer, have been looking at the church's financial situation. Since the first of 2014, the checking account balance has dropped from \$49,679 to \$23,502. The current Money Market account balance is \$52,116. Only 48.0% of the estimated income has come in, yet almost 2/3 of the year has passed. Up to today expenditures of \$142,326.59 have been made which is 54.24% of the budgeted \$262,400.00. There was discussion regarding where the commissions can cut their expenses. The Stewardship Commission will soon begin planning for the pledge campaign for 2015.

Education—Marit Grant was the chairperson for Celebration Sunday and was happy with the turnout of about 75 people including many children. She has purchased some material for children's Sunday School classes since a few children are now coming for class. Marit states that one expense of Education commission is to pay for the yoga teacher who is teaching a class. The teacher asks for \$30 per class and Marit feels that no one should have to pay for a SS class. (It was mentioned that those in Modern Literature class buy their books which are subsidized by the offering fund.) There is also a yoga class on Thursday evening and it was suggested that the yoga students might be asked to pay a small amount for that class in order to pay the teacher.

Evangelism--Roger Alexander who co-chairs this commission with Maggie Humble, said that the commission members are going to be more active in calling on the visitors who have been coming to DCC to worship. Although it is not the responsibility of Evangelism to check on members who are not attending, it was suggested that church members spend a little time writing notes to members to encourage them to come to worship.

Fellowship and **Outreach** were not represented at this meeting.

House and Grounds—Edward Smith reported on the expenditures from \$5000 surplus funds that were previously approved for some repairs to the building. A total of \$4600 was spent as follows: \$2600 for carpeting in the new Messenger study, the room for chair storage, the Children's Church room

and the adjacent Sunday school room, \$544 to replace the double-pane big window at the west end of the Fellowship Hall, \$600 for a part for one air conditioner that was knocked out by lightening, \$800 for a new laptop to be used by the church treasurer, and \$66 to shingle the steeple. (The work was done by some church members.)

Some items still on the “to do” list are: cut down a Bradford pear tree that is in danger of splitting and falling on the building and trim some of the others, replace some sections of the east driveway that are buckling due to tree roots, and replace cracked windows. The proposal for building and parking lot improvements was also mentioned but doubt was expressed about those due to the church’s financial condition.

Worship—Carol Ann Hildabrand gave information about a proposed new series to be held on Saturday evenings including a meal with a discussion. Each week the discussion would be about a different group of people considered “disenfranchised”.

Personnel Committee & Pastoral Relations Committee: Becky Johnson is working with Bill to appoint members to these committees.

Other Business: There was none.

Next Cabinet meeting date: Due to the quarterly Board meeting to be held in September, the next Cabinet meeting will be scheduled in October.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dewayne Moore and seconded by Betty Sapp. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Buttman,
Recording Secretary