

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING OF
DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

The cabinet meeting opened with prayer by Vice-President, Larry Cowan. Members present were Kevin Bennett, Joe Brown, Adele Moore, Dee Lynd, Marit Grant, Carol Hildebrand, Cindy Bennett, Pat Brown, Carol Smith, Kay Bjornen, Mary Helen Buttman, Jenith Mashek, Larry Cowan, Tim Collins, and Scott Taylor.

Larry asked for input on the most important area of ministry this church needs to address this year. The following suggestions were made:

1. Childrens' ministry
2. Brochures and information for evangelism team to use in visiting with prospects
3. Becoming aware of what makes us different from secular organizations
4. More sharing and partnering with other churches in the community (especially with Family Promise
5. Need to coordinate better with other teams on special programs

Looking at the March calendar the following were mentioned:

1. March 6 is the church birthday party. Marit said it is ready to go with a couple of food additions.
2. Mary Helen said that Outreach would like to tag on to the party, and will put out a donation pot for Family Promise contributions.
3. Joe said that in late March or early April we will be resealing the rest of the east parking lot and make repairs on the west because of damage by the fire.
4. Mary Helen reported that the NE Area Disciple Women's Ministries will meet on March 6 in Claremore. There will also be a soup lunch for all women of DCC on March 10.
5. Easter Sunday, March 27, will be a Sunrise Service which Scott would like to have outdoors. The worship team is planning a breakfast following the service with a sign-up sheet for donations. Dee said that there will be an Easter egg hunt for children.

Ministry Reports:

The team for Children's ministries will meet March 3. There are two new teachers in Children's church. Dee and Maggie Humble. They very much need a hall monitor so that two adults are not necessary each Sunday. The Safety Committee still needs to work that out. The nursery attendant, Della Wilson has been leaving early when there are no children in the nursery. The plan had been for her to fill in during Children's church when there was not a second person available. Often Della's entire family is there, which violates our background check policy for persons working with children. Our By-Laws state that the senior minister talks with the church staff about issues that come up. Scott will talk with Della.

Scott reported for the youth. Leah has been keeping the program going and is anxious to get back. She was at their meeting Wednesday evening. The youth are making plans for a mission trip this summer and will have some fund raising events coming up.

Mary Helen reported for Outreach that she has a team of eight or ten volunteers to serve Agape meals once a month. There will be an opportunity to donate to the car repair fund, pack the back packs, Casa Hispana, and Martha's Task this year.

Tim reported for Stewardship that there is about \$44,000 in the checking account with about \$30,000 of that designated giving. The Savings account has \$29,450. Since the first of the year there has been about \$400 more in giving than expenditures. Lu Ann is doing the checks and banking. Checks are written on the 15th, or the last working day before that, and at the end of the month. Those wanting bills paid should have them to the office by the 10th and 25th of the month. We are going to start paying some of our bills electronically. Tim and Lu Ann are working on an electronic directory. It will be a printable directory. It will also have a phone ap.

Kevin reported for worship and said that they are always looking for ways to enhance worship. Scott is considering the possibility of a strictly contemporary service at noon following the morning worship. It was a good evangelism tool for his church in Grand Island. The downside might be that a new permanent minister might want to go a different direction.

Joe reported for House and Grounds that during the high winds last week some shingles blew off the roof. In looking at it, the shingles were not properly installed. Mike Bouvier will talk about that with the roofer. He has also written a letter to Verdigrées Valley Electric Co. that their transformer caused the fire damage which we experienced on the parking lot. Also the fire went over to the brush and tree line on the west of the lot and got close to a neighbor's building. Mike is going to talk with someone with a bull dozer about the cost of removing the shrubs and trees. Scott is going to talk with the neighbors and let them know that we are working on that.

Marit, Fellowship Chair, is working on several events. On May 1 there will be a Cinco de Mayo party. She is planning to invite the Hispanic church for that event and asking if their band will play. A community ice cream social is being scheduled for August 28 at the Community Center parking lot. She is hoping that First Christian would work with us to provide parking, bathroom facilities, and sharing the cost for a bouncie toy for kids.

There is a new minister survey which church members need to fill out before the meetings the first week of April.

Carol Smith reported for Evangelism that they need to grow a team. People are needed who are interested in publicity, visitation to new visitors, developing flyers. She set a meeting date for March 13 after church.

Pat reported for Member Care that there are people designated though May to look after our congregation.

It was mentioned that the church often receives thank you's for donations. One way people could be aware of those would be to have Scott put those on the screen on Sunday mornings and read them to the congregation.

We have never tried to estimate the number of volunteer hours that our congregation gives. We might think of a way to get that information and make it available in a brochure or on a poster.

Scott gave the pastor's report. He had a good meeting with his pastoral relations team. The search committee will be a part of the new minister's team. He is following the lectionary for sermons through Easter and may want to begin a new series in April. He said that Lu Ann is a good help to him and to everyone. Her work is much appreciated.

Check the church calendar for the next meetings of the board and cabinet.

Scott closed the meeting with a good story from a book by John Shea.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, Recording Secretary