

**DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2015**

Becky Johnson, president called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Members of the board who were present were Becky, Lynne Shaw, Jenith Mashek, Gary Buttman, Adele Moore, Gary Downey, Kay Bjornen, Ed Smith, Babe Addington, Roger Alexander, Patrick Johnson. Also present were Tim Collins and Sandra Foster.

Under old business Lynne gave the nominating committee report. The officers proposed for the 2016 year are as follows:

President: Kay Bjornen
Vice President: Larry Cowan
Secretary: Jenith Mashek
Treasurer: Tim Collins, with Lou Ann Mitchell doing the book keeping
Financial Secretary: Jenny Downey
Trustee: Lynne Shaw (also Gary Downey and Joe Brown currently serving)
Education: Dee Lynd
Fellowship: Marit Grant
House and Grounds: Joe Brown
Evangelism: Carol Smith
Member Care: Pat Brown
Outreach: Mary Helen Buttman
Stewardship: Mike Bouvier
Worship: Patrick Johnson, Carol Ann Hildabrand, Kevin Bennett

Because Tim will be in New Mexico part of the year, others will need to be cosigners on checks. At the time of the congregational approval of officers, we need a motion to approve check signers. Adele announced the new elders which should be added to the slate to be voted on. They are Becky Johnson, Linda Bracken, Larry Cowan, and Kari Anne Grant. We don't have anyone to serve as a deacon chair. Becky recommended that we work on that with Scott when he arrives. There was discussion about who is responsible for getting the offering counters. Lynne proposed that the Financial Secretary and trustees work together on that.

Roger will share his copies of the duties for the officers and chairs, so that they can be given to the new officers and commission heads. The three worship commission chairs will determine who will have the one available vote.

Patrick moved and Babe seconded the motion that we accept this slate of officers for the 2016 year and it be taken to the congregation for final approval. The motion carried. Our thanks and appreciation goes to Lynne and the nominating committee for their efforts in a difficult year.

Gary Buttman said that our church constitution used to be printed in the church directories so that people could be aware of procedures. Tim said that he and Lou Ann had talked of making the church directories a three ring binder which would have the constitution and committee

duties permanently available. Member names and yearly responsibilities could be easily changed each year. Tim offered to work with Lou Ann to get those available for the congregation next year. Lynne pointed out that members can also see our constitution and by-laws on our church web site. Becky asked Lynne to put up a reminder poster about what is available on the web site.

Kay reported on Family Promise. She said that we are in a struggle with the fire marshall at present so may not be able to house the family next week. Roger said that a Family Promise group in Laurence KS is working to resolve this issue, and depending on how that works, we may be able to do something similar. It may require working with our state legislature to come up with an exemption. Dinners are set up for the week, volunteers are bringing breakfast and lunch items. Kay will be working this weekend with all the supplies that have been brought to find places to store them.

Adele reviewed a proposed alcohol use policy. A draft is attached. Several suggestions for changes were made. It was suggested that the committee go to a lawyer for help with the wording. Our church policy regarding use would also need to be reworded as it says no alcohol is allowed on the premises.

Adele reported on the coming elder's retreat. Phillips Seminary is making the space available at no cost to us but funding is needed for a meal. Adele moved and Kay seconded that we approve up to \$300 for the elder's retreat expenses. The motion carried. Adele asked that a line item be included in next year's budget for the elder's retreat.

Becky told the board that Leah Conklin, youth minister, is planning a maternity leave from January through March. She has asked to be on half salary during this time and would be doing some behind the scenes work from home. This would make it possible for Kari Anne Grant to receive the remaining half salary as she would be meeting with the youth during this time. Scott Taylor has agreed to help, but not take charge of the program. Lynne moved and Babe seconded that Leah receive half salary during January-March and that Kari Anne receive the other half for her service with the youth. The motion carried. The personnel committee will be asked to meet with Leah and Kari Anne to make sure the duties are determined for each. It was brought up that the youth do use the van, and that it should be checked over. It may need new tires. The trustees are in charge of maintenance on the van. Gary Downey will work on that.

Gary Buttman gave the treasurer's report. Our checking balance is \$41,050 and savings is \$29,442. A copy is attached. Bills are paid other than Outreach. Becky pointed out that in the future we need to determine a policy for paying guest ministers. We do not pay church members for speaking. Bill had determined whether and how much other speakers were paid.

Commission reports were given. For education Tim reported that the Serendipity Class will be starting again on October 4 with the book of Romans.

Ed reported that House and Grounds has been putting in new batteries and lights in all the exit signs. One exit sign has been replaced. They had planned to put in smoke alarms, but the fire department determined that would not get the church approved to house Family Promise.

Roger reported for Outreach that the Reconciliation Offering is going on these two Sundays. He said that Leslie Penrose may be signed up to speak soon. Tim reported that the church has been invited to participate in the 5 year anniversary of the hardware store which our members helped to build and stock in Nicaragua. It is hopeful that some of our group will be able to attend.

Babe reported that the Stewardship letters went out to members today with information about next year's pledges. Members will be asked to return their pledges to the church before Dec. 1 so that the budget can be planned for 2016. Becky and Babe will get notice to the commission chairs to get their budget requests ready. A tentative date of December 6 has been set for a congregational meeting to approve the budget and the report from the nominating committee.

Patrick gave the worship commission report. He said that they have been having different speakers for each Sunday until Scott arrives. There is not a definite plan as yet for October 18. Babe said there would be a stewardship talk from a member during October and November during the service. Roger said that Outreach may have another video or two featuring a member's service in the community.

Becky announced two dates with special activities. November 1 will be a pot luck lunch after worship to welcome Scott Taylor as interim minister. On December 6 a soup and chili lunch will be held in conjunction with our congregational meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of Go Now in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, recording secretary