

# MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## BOARD MEETING Jan 19, 2021

Attending: Sally Myton, Janet & Paul Bowers, Rev Cindy McClung, Jane McCarty, Virginia Plavetich, Chuck & Laurie Sargent Duane Ready, Verna McGinley, Ed Persinger

Meeting done via Zoom.

Sally - opened the meeting with a reading from a book. "Do something beautiful for God." and then us in the Lord's prayer.

November Board Meeting Minutes were emailed ahead of the meeting and there were no corrections. Approved as sent.

### **Minister's Report:** Rev Cindy

- SOLD HER HOUSE
- Prayer requests were done.
  - Irene is in hospital since last Wednesday. Lot of pain.
  - Several members have Covid.
  - Chuck Sargent has heart valve replacement tests and surgery soon.

**Church Clerk Report:** no change

**Financial Secretary:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet Bowers reported:

- Just finished November financials yesterday.
- In total, members gave more this year than they have other years.
- \$10,000 less income for the year because of MLEDP not using building.
- December financials are now being worked on so no further report.

The officers' reports were approved.

### **Teams Reports**

#### **Christian Education:**

- Cindy did Bible Study on Wednesdays during Advent.
- Bible Study starting in February with different members leading.

**Deaconess:** Jane doing communion for services

**Deacons:** no report

**Elders:** Chuck Sargent

- Met last week. Exchanged prayer concerns.
- Plan to deliver packets to all members by Feb 12th-13th like we have been doing.

**Evangelism/Membership:** Chuck Sargent

- Put a "Happenings in the church in 2020" in the January newsletter.
- We hope to have another Zoom Game night soon.
- 10:30 AM fellowship via zoom on Sundays has been doing well.

**Outreach:** Jane

- Food was taken to "Light of Light Mission".
- Kane gifts were delivered in December.
- Duane suggested an organization called Book-Em - books for Prisons.
  - Mt Lebanon Library gave Duane bags of books to take.
  - They have Website with list of what they are looking for.
  - How to books etc. – dictionaries.
- Discussed sending Valentine's to nursing home residence for February.

**Personnel:**

- Joyce back to work after her back surgery.
- Meeting tomorrow night to talk about cleaning people for the church.

**PRC:** Met recently.**Property:** Paul

- New computer was purchased for the church to use for Facebook Live on Sundays and for other things.
- Lights not coming on outside the church. They worked for a little bit after they fixed by electricians but they need to be contacted again.
- Thinks the leak on the window on the right side of sanctuary has stopped.

**Stewardship:**

- Cindy has been asking for people to put money towards building maintenance.
- She is going to send a letter to all members talking about needs for maintenance including amount needed.

**Trustees:** Paul

- Met last night.
- Flat roof over porch needs repairs - \$19,000 Includes 40-50 slates that need replaced each year.
- Got call about Gas leak beside the church. Gas company found neighbor up hill had a leak.
- Decided to use the Schnars fund for John McCarty education needs. Fund has \$80,000 in it.
- Home Away From Home School group
  - Decided to let them use the building and start getting setup as long as they follow our "new" Covid Policy for Outside Groups.
  - They do now have insurance.
  - Voted to have Chuck work with Trustees for Covid Policy for Outside groups based on our main policy with some deletions and additions. Jane volunteered to be included in the draft of the policy.
- Duane confirmed items inside the church are covered by insurance up to \$370,000.

**Worship:** Rev Cindy

- Lent starts in February.
- Cindy taking last Sunday of Jan and first week of February off for vacation- John to do the services while she is off.
- Will continue to use Facebook Live and Free Conference Call for services.
- Paul Bowers and Chuck Sargent are now trained to use the camera, computer and Facebook Live for the services. (John & Jane have been doing them and will still some of the time.)
- Will use Zoom some for services as we work on getting the sound good via Zoom.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- We discussed timing for opening the church.
  - Do not open at this time.
  - Covid numbers are still high.
  - Talk again at March Board Meeting.
  - Very tentative Goal to open for Easter Sunday.

**Rev Cindy closed in prayer.**

Respectively submitted - Chuck Sargent, Recording Secretary