

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING March 16, 2021

Attending: 14 - Sally Myton, Janet & Paul Bowers, Rev Cindy McClung, Jane & John McCarty, Virginia Plavetich, Chuck & Laurie Sargent, Duane Ready, Verna McGinley, Barb & Ralph Scott, John Crist

Meeting done via Zoom.

Sally - opened the meeting with a reading from a book. "Come unto me" Christ has no hands but ours. She then opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Minister's Report: Rev Cindy

- Prayer requests were done.
 - Karen tumor surgery – moved to regular room. Having lots of pain.
 - Irene has started her treatments again.
 - Duane Wolf back surgery to take out fused parts and adding more.
 - Someone's relative tested positive with Covid

Church Clerk Report: 2 new members, Lois Lindeman, Erma Wilson

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- January & February donations down, \$22,000 difference from last year.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers reported:

- Utilities cost not down since not usually used much these months.
- Giving down 20% from last year even including building maintenance donations people have given.
- Only Literacy council using building now. \$150 / month
- Home Away from Home School group is getting ready to start up in old Fellowship Hall.
- Financials for year-end not done yet. Delays because Joyce was off for her back surgery and there has been back and forth with Janet, Joyce and Harold our accountant. Tax season for Harold so he is busy.
- Some money has been coming in for building maintenance last year and this year since we ask people for donations.

The officers' reports were approved.

Teams Reports

Christian Education:

- Jane has been doing Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent.
- Future plans will be decided later.

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics sheets for a special program was mentioned by Jane.

Deaconess: Jane doing communion for services while we have not been in the church.

Deacons: no report

Elders: Chuck Sargent

- Met last week. Exchanged prayer concerns.
- Discussed those we found out had gotten Covid Vaccine and those we might try to help. About 30 people have gotten the vaccine, some both shots.
- Plan to deliver packets to all members before Palm Sunday.

Evangelism/Membership: Chuck Sargent

- We hope to have another Zoom Game night soon. Had game night on Feb 20th with 15 people on zoom.
- 10:30 AM fellowship via zoom on Sundays continues to do well.

Outreach: Jane

- February: valentine cards taken to Kane.
- March: Acts of Kindness for people to tell us about
- April: Cleanup for Cochran Road – Jane & John to get Mt Lebanon to put up sign up saying it is our church that has cleaned up.

Personnel:

- We have a cleaning person who is to clean every other week. If we open this will change.
- Discussed Joyce starting to work her regular hours.

PRC: Have not met for a while.

Property: Paul

- Contract signed for roofers to fix over the porch and some slate.
- Grinder pump – key tomorrow – Sally will help in morning.
- Thinks the leak on the window on the right side of sanctuary shingles should help.

Stewardship:

- Need newsletter article about giving and announcement by Cindy. She will include in letter going out to members about the church opening for Easter.

Trustees: Paul

- Met last night.
- Mainly discussed Home Away from Home School group
 - Covid policy emailed to Home Away from Home group.
 - Decide on 25 in assembly room and 5 in classroom.

Worship: Rev Cindy

- Sound recording was changed with the help of Ron Brown, his son Noah and John McCarty a couple of weeks ago.
- Will continue to use Facebook Live and Free Conference Call for services.
- Holy week: John doing Maundy Thursday online and Cindy Good Friday Facebook and free conference call.
- Changing the COVID policy for requirements for number allowed in the church. Instead of saying “50” it will now say “based on the % allowed by the state”.

Old Business:

Opening church discussion

- Preliminary information
 - 39 have gotten at least once Vaccine (some 2 shots) that usually come to church. This means people at the most risk have been vaccinated.
- **After discussion we voted to open for in-person worship starting on Easter.**
- Music – only soloist until summer maybe.
- No childcare.
- No bulletins. Somebody at table when people come in.
- Probably will get Plexiglass on podiums. Maybe movable.
- Easter – only one service
- Verna volunteered to take temperature of people as they enter.
- We need someone at the table where people pickup their communion pieces which will be in plastic bags.
- Janet will check with Paul and Deacons for helping seating people so we keep them spaced out.
- Cindy will rope of every other pew and have the front pews roped off.
- Easter flowers – just get some that we can plant outside. Ask for people to donate for them. Jinny & Cindy will get for Easter.
- Covid policy – email to everyone with the change mentioned in Worship notes above.
- Try to make something special on Easter for welcoming people back.
- Suggested a BANNER on Website – announcing we are opening for Easter. Note that no childcare will be provided.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee being formed – Sally, Chuck, Jim, Alice was approved.
- Maybe replace bushes by sign.

Rev Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectively submitted - Chuck Sargent, Recording Secretary