

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING Sept 21, 2021

PRESENT: Paul Bowers, Janet Bowers, Rev John Crist, Sally Myton, Rev. Cindy McClung, Verna McGinley, Ed Persinger, Duane Ready, Chuck Sargent

Meeting was initiated by Chairperson Rev John Crist

July Board Minutes Reviewed and Approved.

Minister's Report:

- Rev Cindy mentioned some prayer concerns.
- The updating of the prayer list was discussed. Some of the extra groups listed will be taken off and some names removed.

Church Clerk: No changes in membership.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- Finances about the same since June.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Biggest concern is building maintenance fund.
- We spent over \$10,000 from general fund for year than we have received.
- Expect improvement by September.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Zoo day trip in July was well attended and children and families had a good time. (9 adults & 7 children)
- Rev John Crist book discussion on "The Call" by Cletus Hull started in September. 6 people were on zoom for the first session.

Deaconess Report:

- Same as last board meeting: Erma Wilson (Cindy's mother) putting the communion bags together. Janet Bowers monitoring the grape juice.

Deacons:

- Deacons continue to bring tray for contributions forward during Sunday services.
- Requested we show Deacon walking forward on the Facebook recording.

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- Game night via zoom in October

Outreach: Jane McCarty

- September donations being collected with World Vision to aid victims of the earthquake in Haiti.
- October collections of food and personal care items for SHIM. (Now stands for South Hills Interfaith Movement)
- November – we will deliver items to SHIM and volunteer one day to help stock shelves.

Personnel: No report.

Pastoral Relations Committee: Plans to meet

Property: Paul Bowers

- Discussed the need for an “Emergency Response Team” so Joyce and others would know who to contact in an emergency. It was decided it would include: Paul Bowers, Tom Spray, Ed Persinger, Mike Philippon & Chuck Sargent.
- Flood in Fellowship Hall. Several days. Big thanks to Jim Bowers & Tom Spray for all the hours they spent cleaning up. Thanks for John Crist for having Mt Lebanon Fire Department come with pumps to get the water out and Chuck Sargent for his communications to get help.
(Note: some of the water damage dates back to 3-29-2020 before the pandemic.)
 - Paul contacted insurance company for adjuster to see what costs they might cover. Maybe just \$2,500 will be covered but no final results yet.
 - Tom Spray is checking on things for more repairs that are need in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall because of the flood.
 - Need to find the source of the water that is coming in with big/fast rainfall.
 - It is not leaking in window wells or coming up from the floor.
 - Leak is in the right back corner of the kitchen where the wall has crumpled.
- Paul put a dehumidifier we have in the first-floor hallway because of water that had leaked from room off of the parking lot that has affected the doors to the men’s room and the meeting room. (This is running 24/7 for now.)
- Ed Persinger and Paul are to remove some of the branches over the roof at the back corner by the shed.
- Fire inspector gave us 5 items to be corrected. All but one item has been corrected.
- Workday is scheduled for October 9th.

Trustees:

- There was a special Trustees Meeting on June 8th where Schnars Funds were approved for an educational program for the Minister that involves travel to various cities in the U.S. Approximately \$5,000 was approved.
- Ok’d \$1,500 to remove another tree at the parsonage because of a request of the Condo Association below the parsonage. (The Condo is removing brush on the hill also.)
- Group of people from Nepal are using the chapel for services Sundays at 1:30
- Wedding was approved for some non-members on 9-24-2022.
- Literary Council requested use of the room off the parking lot. They will use the area in the chapel in front of the baptistry for \$10/month. (Note: They gave \$150/month during the pandemic even though they were not using it.)
- Funds were approved for John McCarty’s education.
- Yoga group possible use of the church is on hold because of the pandemic.
- Donation to Mt Lebanon Fire Dept of \$50 was approved.

- Trustees' duties were finalized.
 - Contact with Insurance – Ed Persinger
 - Personnel team – Mary Jane Webb & Dan Wahl
 - Property team liaison – Tom Spray
 - Secretary – Mary Jane Webb
 - Outside groups - Mike Philippon
 - Investments – Mike Philippon

Worship:

- There was a discussion on requiring masks because of the continued affect of COVID-19. Cases in Allegheny County are actually higher than when we first stopped having services in-person. Vote was unanimous to require masks. Rev Cindy will send out a communication to all members about this.
- John McCarty is going to request more volunteers for the Sunday recording team. Kathy & Tom Spray, the McCarty's and Jim Powell have been the main helpers.
- Discussed making sure the words on the screen for our hymns match what is in the Hymnals since some people are using Hymnals in-person.

Old Business:

- Our church was not picked by the group looking for a church for filming for scenes in a movie.
- Rev John Crist has been sending out email reminders sent out each month to persons who contribute to the newsletters.
- Chuck Sargent talked to John McCarty about the possible use of the water cooler that used to be used in the Chapel but it is on hold for now.

New Business:

- Program Team will meet in October to plan events for Advent.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Sargent – recording secretary