

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING March 15, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Janet & Paul Bowers, Rev John Crist, Rev. Cindy McClung, Chuck Sargent, Sally Myton, Verna McGinley, Ed Persinger, Duane Ready, Barb Scott, Jane McCarty

Meeting was initiated by Chairperson Rev John Crist with a reading from the Lenten Devotional.

January Board Minutes were sent via email and approved.

Minister's Report:

- Mary Crist is home. Visiting nurses coming to the house.
- Rev Cindy is doing a bible study via Zoom on Wed in March with pictures from the Holy Land.
- She had a great trip to the Holy land with a local church Jan 24-Feb 5th.
- Her classes are going well. She is going to San Francisco the last week in April for the class. (Needs preacher, is going to contact Kevin Bowers)

Church Clerk: no changes

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- Donations \$16,957 this year Jan-Feb. \$8,000 last year same time but got \$17,000 last March.
- Elders distributed donation envelopes to all members for 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Need budget amounts of expenses from teams for 2022 given to Janet/John Crist so we know what to expect.
- Cindy is going to give Janet some numbers for expenses.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Verna – maybe have Easter Egg hunt outside the church after worship on Palm Sunday. Cindy will get sign made for outside the church.
- Bible studies Wed. evening by Cindy with pictures of Holy Land.

Deaconess Report:

- Still using bread & cups individual packages. Erma still bagging communion.

Deacons:

- Deacons continue to bring tray for contributions forward during Sunday services.

Elders – Chuck Sargent

- Discussed prayer concerns for the congregation and others in our meeting last week.
- Mary Crist was in hospital for over 18 days and is home now. Karen Newman surgery on throat March 23rd.

- Distributed to our sheep: Lenten booklets and items Rev Cindy and her mom packaged for us.

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- No plans from team right now.
- Rev Cindy said we will have Program Team meeting to plan for events the next few months. April 5th.

Outreach: Jane McCarty

- February outreach to City Mission went well.
- March
 - Giving books to Pittsburgh Prison Book Project.
 - Donations for Ukraine. (Cindy suggested Week of Compassion and mark it for Ukraine.)
- April – doing cleanup and something else.
- Geri Offenbach and Sally have been helping and going well.
- Duane contacted Disciples Home Mission – they sent John Crist a DVD for transformation information.

Personnel: note from Dan Wahl

- Conducted Cindy's annual review.

Pastoral Relations Committee: no recent meeting

Property: Paul Bowers

- Water flooded in the kitchen after last bad rain. Paul emptied 500 gallons over 4 days. Water was just in kitchen.
- Paul cleaned the walls in fellowship hall where mold had formed.
- Paul has been shoveling snow with big snows.
- Back hill of church grass cutting needed for the summer. Need suggestions on people or company to do it. Jane suggested we plant ivy on that hillside.
- Maybe talk to SHIM about using top hill space for gardens but needs watered so probably not feasible.
- Cindy will contact SHIM to see if they are interested in using any yard space at our church.
- Boiler for Chapel area – Jane suggested McCormick heating.

Stewardship: Jane has done for the past years. Need a volunteer.

Trustees:

- Approved Mariani & Richards for repair of hole in the wall in Kitchen and a sump pump. Includes outlet in the wall for the sump pump. Same electrician will check on our outside electric that is not working for posts, etc.
- Wait to do painting in sanctuary until we have finished the other items on our list.
- Are planning on voting by email for Trustees items to get things done faster.
- Trustees approved a Video doorbell – Chuck suggested Doorbell 4, chime, doorbell 2020 release for Chapel. He suggested using ring.com Extra battery pack also. Cindy said it takes 6 hours to charge. Janet suggested buying local so don't have to pay taxes. Chuck knows Best Buy sells it. This will be finalized in the next week.
- Motion detection lights approved for room off parking lot and hallways on upper floor. Janet to handle ordering.

Vision Team: Rev Cindy

- Approved new Mission Statement -
Serving Christ
Living and sharing faith, hope and love.
- Met with and asked leaders from the community for input on things Mt Lebanon might need that we could help with. One of the commissioners (Mindy Rainey) talked with the team in February. Who are people we can connect with and who need support? They had a NEIGHBOR AID program during Covid that has ended. SINGLE MOTHERS having hard time fitting in Mt Lebanon.
- Still getting together with police chiefs, school superintendent, firemen.
- Another item to help: No walkable way to grocery stores in some areas of Mt Lebanon.

Worship: Verna McGinley

- Memorial service for Stephen Pajak.
- Campbell kids helping with service on Palm Sunday.
- We will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- May 15 – Cindy doing to first church she served. 75th anniversary. Asked for a vote to approve her going. Board voted and approved this. John McCarty will preach that Sunday.
- Microphone is now working on worship leader podium in sanctuary.

Action on Team reports: John Crist mentioned doing this “action item” at the end of board meetings per the By-laws. All actions for this meeting were handled during the team reports.

Old Business:

- Cindy sent email to Thad about paying for guest speakers which was discussed during January board meeting.

New Business:

- John Crist said a Nominating committee needed before May meeting.
- John McCarty’s worship retreat is this Saturday from 10-1pm in-person and zoom. Also, education retreat next Saturday 10-1pm.
- Jane mentioned Carla’s Dad passed away this week. Prayers for her.

Rev Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Sargent – recording secretary