

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING Nov 16, 2021

PRESENT: In-person: Janet Bowers, Rev John Crist, Rev. Cindy McClung, Chuck Sargent
Via Zoom: Sally Myton, Verna, McGinley, Ed Persinger, Duane Ready, Jane & John McCarty, Barb Scott & Ralph Scott, Jinny Plavetich, Kathy & Tom Spray

Meeting was initiated by Chairperson Rev John Crist

September Board Minutes Reviewed and Approved. One change to wording for Literary Council use of Chapel step area.

Minister's Report:

- Rev Cindy mentioned some prayer concerns.
- Memorial services done by John McCarty for Corwin family at Funeral home and at the church by Rev Cindy and John.
- Rev Cindy will be going to the Holy land with a local church the end of January/beginning of February for 10 days.
- Jinny Plavetich moved to Friendship Village apartment and is doing good.

Church Clerk: Membership change because of Irene Corwin death.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- Contributions are about the same. We have received several checks from residents of Friendship Village during the year.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Biggest concern continues to be building maintenance fund.
- We spent over \$10,000 from general fund for year than we have received.
- We have seen some improvement since the September meeting as we expected.
- \$2,500 check was received from insurance because of water damage in kitchen and Fellowship Hall. (Cost are much more than that and are being looked into.) Probably at least \$7,500. We have a \$2,500 deductible or check would have been more.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Rev John Crist book discussion on "The Call" by Cletus Hull that started in September continues on Wednesdays via zoom. Cletus has attended one of the discussions and will attend tomorrow night also.

Deaconess Report:

- Erma Wilson (Cindy's mother) is still handling putting the communion bags together. More communion bread/cups are back ordered as our original supply is going down.

Deacons:

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

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- Game night via zoom in October was run by Anne Totin with 7 people.

Outreach: Jane McCarty

- We collected 458 pounds of food and personal care items for October for SHIM. They were delivered to SHIM in November and some of our members volunteered to help stock shelves one day.
- November/December – collecting gifts by using the Angel Tree with names for people in Kane Senior center.

Personnel: No report.**Pastoral Relations Committee:** Had a meeting in November.**Property:** Paul Bowers via notes he gave Janet

- Thanked everyone who came to the Workday at church in October. We mainly worked on things inside the church since it was raining that day.
- A part for one of the boiler pumps that heats the Chapel was back ordered but we believe is coming soon.
- Because of the lack of heat in the Chapel, Rev Cindy offered for the Nepal group (who is worshipping on Sunday afternoons in the Chapel) to use our sanctuary until the pump is fixed.
- Insurance adjusters came to the church to review damage by the Flood in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall.
 - Damage estimated from last year was \$2,500 but we have a \$2,500 deductible so we received no check.
 - We did receive a \$2,500 check for damage for this year. (Also had \$2,500 deductible or would have received more.)
 - Estimated costs for repairs are at least \$7,500 and probably more.
 - Tom Spray is to meet with someone this Friday to review things that need to be done.
 - We still need to find the source of the water that is coming in with big/fast rainfalls.
- Dehumidifier we have in the first-floor hallway because of water that had leaked from the room off of the parking is still running 24/7. Paul put a second dehumidifier we have in the meeting room to help get the moisture out of that room too.
- Ed Persinger and Paul still plan to remove some of the branches over the roof at the back corner by the shed. Waiting for colder weather when trees will not be budding anymore.
- All 5 items that needed corrected per the Fire Inspector have been fixed.
- Electrician who was to come to check our outside wiring that has not been working did not show. Rev Cindy is checking with other electricians and will have someone from the church who knows what the problems are meet with them.

Trustees:

- See notes on Insurance checks in Property report above.
- Trustees are working on things related to the parsonage.

- Home School group that uses the basement requested use of the upper room off of the parking lot for a library area that people could use in quiet. There was some discussion but no decision on this.
- It was noted that a door handle is broken in the old fellowship hall that Home School is using. We requested they pay for the repair but they say it was bad before they used the room.
- There was discussion about the neighbor behind the church and their infringement on our property over the past few years. We have sent them letters in the past. No decision was made on what to do next.
- Chuck Sargent mentioned drawings for the church building are in the cabinet in the copy room if the Trustees need to use them as we look for someone to help with our flooding situation. Shannon Construction is who did large sanctuary/Fellowship Hall expansion.
- There was some discussion about possibly using Renovation Funds for our building expenses. The Trustees have discussed several options about funds that we will need for building repairs.

Worship:

- Worship Team met in November to make plans for the rest of the year. Plans for Advent and Christmas were made.
- Discussed making sure words on screen for Hymns match what is in the Hymnals.
- Discussed volume not being good for Facebook the past couple of weeks. This past Sunday the volume control used for Facebook was turned up and it seemed to help.
- Discussed the outside Chrismon tree as mentioned in the Program Team notes below in old business.
- Advertising for Dec 11th event and Christmas Eve service etc. was discussed.
- Putting bibles back in the pews was requested. Bibles were removed because of Covid. We found most bibles were not in very good shape. We need new bibles. Rev Cindy will look into it. In the meantime, Chuck Sargent will check the bibles that he boxed up and pick the best ones to put back into the pews until we get new ones. Trustees may review using some “special funds” to purchase new bibles or we will ask the congregation.

Old Business:

- Program Team met in October to discuss plans for the church for the rest of year, mainly including Advent and if we would have a Christmas Party or other activities during Christmas. It was decided we would have a “light up night” by using a Chrismon Tree outside on Saturday Dec. 11th. The community will be invited. Rev Cindy is getting Chrismon ornaments that we can have people hang outside. We will sing Christmas Carols and Verna McGinley will read about the meaning of the different Chrismon ornaments.

New Business:

- John Crist mentioned how important it was to have members attend meetings for the different teams/groups they belong to and to the Board Meeting. Chuck mentioned we have had better attendance, especially because of the use of Zoom.

Rev Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Sargent – recording secretary