

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING minutes Nov 15, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Janet Bowers, Chuck Sargent, Sally Myton, Tom Spray, Barb & Ralph Scott, Ed Persinger, Cathy Snyder, John McCarty.

Meeting opened via prayer from Rev Cindy.

September Board Minutes were emailed to all before this meeting. The minutes were approved.

Minister's Report:

- Chuck Sargent having his surgery tomorrow.
- Geri had her surgery and all went well.
- Rev Cindy's friend Patrick has had some improvement but needs continued prayers.
- Ladies retreat changed to Rev Cindy's house Dec 2nd from 2-8:30pm
- Cindy classes that she has been taking end this week.

Church Clerk: Dorothy Hawn death, Chuck sent Clerk duties document to Cathy Snyder.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- So far this year - 77,843 designated funds without Outreach donations and Givelify 7,045.
- Last year 75,118 and Givelify 11,254

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Do not have the report from Harold yet since Joyce and he did not finish it.
- People who give at end of year have given already.
- Expenses are much higher than they have been.
- Personnel up because of increases to employees.
- Building costs are up since building is being used more.
- We are spending a lot on postage and office supplies.
- Need to review list of who Joyce is sending the newsletter to in the mail.
- Team leaders should continue to look for red folder in team's mailboxes because expenses need approved.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Bible Studies on Wednesdays.
 - 8 people the last several weeks.
 - John is doing "being grateful" tomorrow and a book by Max Lucado "Because of Bethlehem" for an Advent study.
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinner are going well.

Deaconess Report:

- Still using bread & cups individual packages. Jane & Sally are setting up the communion table each Sunday. Ros is bagging the communion for handing out on Sundays.

Deacons:

- Deacons will pass offering plates during services starting in 2 weeks.

Elders – Chuck Sargent

- Discussed prayer concerns for the congregation and others in our meeting last week.
- Elders are to get Advent books to the families on their Shepherd's list.

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- Christmas Party – Dec 11th for lunch after worship. Details to come.
- Christmas Eve service – maybe have something after the service. Details to come.

Outreach: Geri Offenbach – Rev Cindy reported

- Outreach for December – water wells

Personnel: no report**Pastoral Relations Committee: no recent meeting.****Property: Paul Bowers**

- Paul started working on the hole in the kitchen 75% done
- Heat started working in Chapel and Literacy council that was not working.
- Took care of lots of leaves the past couple of weeks.
- Mention Chuck has been charging the batteries for the video doorbells and making sure they are working.
- Ask about any flooding in the kitchen and when we hope to patch the walls.
- Ask about hot water tank that Jeff donated and is in the boiler room. – once Jeff has time
- Ask about lights not working from one of the light switches in the kitchen.
- Having electrician who worked in the kitchen check our outside lights that have not been working. – no update

Stewardship: Need a volunteer to chair team.**Trustees: Ed Persinger**

- No votes in last night's meeting
- Future expenses
- Tree at front of parsonage need trimmed away from wires and also probably dead. Possibly have Mt Lebanon take care of this.
- Cindy's seminary and travel expenses approved.
- Cindy is checking with company for repairing walls around the church

Program Team

- Will meet to Christmas Party Dec 11th after worship and Christmas Eve

Vision Team: Rev Cindy

- Has not met recently.

Worship: Verna McGinley

- Services during Advent are going to be a little different. “Reflecting the sacred”
- Cindy is going to inform Worship Leaders.
- John McCarty ordination – went very well

Old Business:

- Review of possible team setups different that we have now. The people who volunteered to look into this have not met yet.
- Cindy looking into new bibles. One is formal and like what we have and the other is more contemporary. Cindy will send us passages from each to see what we think.
- John installed a brand-new microphone that seems better but people need to make sure they have it at their height.

New Business: none

Rev Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Sargent – Recording Secretary