

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING Sept 20, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Janet Bowers, Chuck Sargent, Sally Myton, Tom Spray, Barb & Ralph Scott, Mike Philippon, Cathy Snyder, Verna McGinley

Meeting opened via prayer from Chairman Tom Spray.

May & July Board Minutes were emailed to all before this Sept meeting. The July minutes were approved with minor change to communion preparation that is being done.

Minister's Report:

- Cindy not available for the meeting but she provided Janet some notes:
 - New member Sunday, Oct 15 – Bob, Erin & Natalie.
 - John McCarty ordination will be on Saturday Oct 29 at our church.
 - Audrey Houke liver was packed with stones and sludge. Had procedure today.

Church Clerk: no changes, Chuck is to get Clerk duties document to Cathy Snyder who is new clerk.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott

- No changes since July meeting. Income is up a little bit from last year. Slight increase in building donations. \$4,000 over last year at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Income up slightly, expenses up \$8,700 compared to this time last year. Still have \$20,000 in building maintenance but several other big bills being paid soon.
- Part of expenses being up is increase in employee salaries that were made this year.
- Investments are down because of economy.
- Again, mentioned the need for budgets to be received from the teams for financial planning purposes.
- Team leaders should look for red folder in team's mailboxes because expenses need approved.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Bible Studies started this week.

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 continue to bring tray for contributions forward during Sunday services.

Elders – Chuck Sargent

- Chuck updated the Elders Handbook and emailed it to all Elders.
- Discussed prayer concerns for the congregation and others in our meeting last week.
- Suggestions for Elders to take a few juice/cup packages to the homebound for them to use on Sundays and during services on Facebook Live.
- Added Bob & Erin Conroy to Shepherds list since they are joining congregation in October.

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- “Dining Disciples Groups” started last week. There are 2 daytime groups meeting and one nighttime group.
- Christmas Party – Dec 11th for lunch after worship.

Outreach: Geri Offenbach is now chair person

- Outreach for Sept is for South Hills Pet Rescue. Donations of food, bedding, towels.

Personnel: no report**Pastoral Relations Committee:** no recent meeting.**Property:** Tom Spray

- Comcast – Chuck determined our 2 yr. agreement would run out in October. He presented a new agreement he is working on with Comcast to the Trustees last night and they gave their OK. It will increase our internet speed from 300mb to 500mb and only go up \$11/month in cost. Other options were more expensive or slower speed.
- Fire Inspection on Sept 29th in morning.
- Tree fell on fence behind parsonage. Fence is stabilized some now but needs more work.
- Boiler for Chapel area – Paul & Tom still looking for a pump.
- Sump pump for the kitchen was completed and an additional electrical outlet installed.
- Having electrician who worked in the kitchen check our outside lights that have not been working.
- Kitchen Hood exhaust system was repaired.

Stewardship: Need a volunteer to chair team.**Trustees:** Tom Spray and Mike Philippon

- Trustees decided we could not agree to have the wrestling group because of all the complications in the proposal they made to us.
- Mike is all setup on the Vanguard Funds and reports access.
- Additional notes provided from Ed Persinger but not discussed at the board meeting:
 - Yoga class wants to begin using the Chapel again. Mike is working with Janet Tampf on needed documents and insurance.
 - Had discussions to increase pay to John McCarty for him to stay as assistant minister with increased pay (instead of pursuing ministry at another church). It was decided our Church cannot afford additional expenses.
 - Policy was drafted to pay guest minister or organist \$125.

Vision Team: Chuck Sargent

- Continue to meet to see other ways to do outreach.
- Autumn Fest – October 8th from 12-3pm
 - Need people to sign-up to volunteer at the table in the Narthex.
 - Will include accordion player, live animal show, games for kids, raffle baskets, pumpkin painting/marketing (50 pumpkins for free).
 - Food - cake, bratwurst, sauerkraut, hotdogs, kielbasa, punch, mac & cheese, shrimp, pasta salad, applesauce

Worship: Verna McGinley

- Christmas plans were discussed. Cindy is getting something special for Christmas time.
- Thanksgiving – colored paper leaves for people to put prayers on.

Old Business:

- Review of possible team setups different that we have now. The people who volunteered to look into this have not met yet.

New Business:

- Microphone on worship leader side is not working well. Maybe get a sound person to check things out. Property and Trustees looking into it. Maybe use handheld mics that we have. Suggestion to check with Ron Brown and his son who helped setup the mics that we have. Also, should get input from John McCarty.

Chuck Sargent closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Sargent – Recording Secretary