

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING minutes May 16, 2023

Attendance via Zoom: Rev Cindy McClung, Janet Bowers, Chuck Sargent, Sally Myton, Tom Spray, Cathy Snyder, Verna McGinley, Ed Persinger, Jeff Hawn

Meeting opened via prayer from Rev Cindy.

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

Minister's Report:

- Barb Scott in Hospital. Pneumonia, drained fluid off her knee; maybe not home until Thursday now instead of Wednesday.
- John McCarty had MRI on his leg today from the fall he had Sunday morning.
- Jocelyn in ER couple of times over weekend. Headaches.
- Connie McCarty moved to Paramount in Bethel Park for now.
- Audrey Houke is in Sunrise Senior Living.
- Clare Newman is graduating from High School and going to Long Island Univ – musical theatre.
- New couple that has been attending are getting married by Cindy. Maybe will join.

Church Clerk: No report. No change in membership.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott – no report

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Harold's report was sent out.
- Regular income and people using the building is up a little over 5%.
- Expenses are up 7% - overspent \$7,000 year-to-date – everyday stuff. Does not include building maintenance.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education:

- Last Bible Study tomorrow night and stopping for summer.
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinner are going well. Houlihan's this Friday.

Deaconess Report:

- Sally has been setting up and Janet doing the bread. Sally has put a tray in the back. Need to get the Deaconesses to start doing this.

Deacons:

- Deacons are now passing the offering plates during services.

Elders – Chuck Sargent

- Updated our prayer list.
- Talked about serving on Sunday up front and people coming forward.

Membership/Evangelism: Chuck Sargent

- “Game & Pizza” day on Saturday May 6 with Kentucky Derby them. People had lots of fun; people wore derby hats.
- Cake for Anniversary Sunday – June 3rd.
- Strawberry Fest scheduled for June 10th. Need people to sign-up.
- Leftovers on June 11th
- June 17 – VBS one day – John & Jane
- July 12 – Mission Night

Outreach: Rev Cindy reported – need to check with Jane for June

Personnel:

- New computer
 - installed March 27th by Chuck Sargent with Dennis Piper of DEP Technologies
 - Kept old computer beside desk and used it several times to mimic on the new computer what Joyce had.
 - Somebody took remote control of this new PC during April. Chuck took PC to Dennis Piper to get remote control software removed. Chuck & Joyce changed passwords for sites Joyce uses to login.
- Chuck mentioned: June 5th – 6 years for Cindy as our minister.
- Chuck Bieri no longer Music Director as of May 1. Letter was mailed to the congregation.
- Cindy playing for services and is making calls for organist/music director.

Pastoral Relations Committee: no recent meeting.

Property: Jeff Hawn

- Choir loft pews moved and constructing a platform for 6pm CAYA services.
- Tankless water heater should be installed shortly.
- Boiler passed inspection.
- Good workday last Saturday, May 13th. Kitchen cleaned. Cabinet put in meeting room for the meals we have. Closet by Sanctuary cleaned. Chairs moved in closet. Old bibles moved out. Piano moved to Sanctuary.
- Chuck moved AED to entrance to sanctuary.

Stewardship: Need a volunteer to chair team.

Trustees: Ed Persinger

- People have asked about getting water fountains working again. Jeff said we should not need to flush them, just need to run them.
- Survey (Ed) completed with Commonwealth of PA. Our request for funds was denied. Seemed like they care more about organizations affected by hate crimes etc.

- Fire department inspection. Push bar is broken in old Fellowship Hall the home-schooling group is using. Maybe will swipe the bar from one side to another. Maybe will weld it. (Jeff spoke about it.)

Discernment Team: Rev Cindy and Chuck discussed

Chuck suggested we include this team in our minutes and people agreed.

1. Team has met a couple of times and has started a list of items to be discussed/addressed. Plans are to split up into smaller teams on particular subjects.
2. Meeting again May 21 after worship.
 - This is the list of members on this team.
 - Kathy Spray – team leader
 - Jane McCarty – note taker
 - Janet Bowers
 - Jeff Hawn
 - John McCarty
 - Rev Cindy McClung
 - Ed Persinger
 - Bonnie & Mike Philippon
 - Chuck Sargent
 - Barb & Ralph Scott
 - Tom Spray
 - Anne Totin
 - Dan Wahl

Program Team

- Met March 27 and May 1. Primarily more detailed planning for Strawberry Fest on June 10th.

Vision Team: Rev Cindy

- Has not met recently.

Worship: Rev Cindy

- CAYA service is changing from Sunday morning to Sunday evenings starting on June 11th. An email vote was done for Board Members during April so they could start working on the plans.
- Emails were sent to Elders, Worship leaders, Deacons and Deaconesses about the following:
 - We are now coming forward for communion on Sundays.
 - We are now passing offering plates during the service.
 - Silent prayer time is now being done during communion instead of saying a prayer together earlier in the service.

Old Business: none

New Business: Nominating team for 2023-2024 – Tom will chair it. He asked for volunteers during the meeting but there were none. He needs to get two more people.

Rev Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Chuck Sargent – Recording Secretary