

**MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BOARD MEETING minutes Sept 19, 2023**

Attendance via Zoom: Janet Bowers, Sally Myton, Ed Persinger, Chuck & Laurie Sargent (in car), Tom Spray, Cathy Snyder, Barb & Ralph Scott

Meeting opened via prayer from Tom.

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

**Minister's Report:** Cindy sent notes since she could not attend

- Dining Disciples meal meetings will be starting up next week
- She asked people to return the Spiritual Inventories survey that she distributed to people or were in the entrance to the sanctuary for people to pick up.

**Church Clerk:** No report. No change in membership. Have had a few new visitors recently.

**Financial Secretary:** Barb Scott – June-July-August giving close to last year

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet Bowers

- We are running a little ahead on donations compared to last year but expenses are up.
- There was discussion about if we could take money donated for renovation (specifically the elevator project) and use that for other projects. Approaching specific donors to ask for their permission was discussed as a possible avenue. It was suggested that the discernment process play out before proceeding. No action was taken.

The Officers' reports were approved.

## Team Reports

**Christian Education:**

- Bible Study started in September
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinner are starting next week

**Deaconess Report:**

- Mary Jane Webb is setting up communion for October and she and Carol Dubiel are scheduling as needed.

**Deacons:**

- There was discussion about having Deacons serve as we have in the past instead of all people coming forward for communion. Deacons would need to be schedule to make sure this were work. No action was taken.

**Elders – Chuck Sargent**

- Updated our prayer list and prayed for previous concerns and new ones.
- Questions was raised if the new Elders went through the installation process. We will need to review with Rev Cindy to make sure.

**Outreach:**

- Collecting school supplies for August & September.

**Personnel:**

- Two organists were interviewed for the Music Direct vacant position. Samuel Olawoyin was hired. Planned start date is October.

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** no recent meeting.

**Program team:**

- Movie night scheduled for October in the Sanctuary with Joseph story DVD from Sights and Sounds Theatre.
- Fellowship lunch at Olive Garden in November.
- Plans are underway for Christmas Party after worship on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Caroling at Kane and possible other home in December also.

**Property:**

- Jeff fixed the push-bar to the outside door in the home-school area.
- Outside lights are now working.
- Tennis balls were found blocking pipes that was causing some of the backup of water and flooding in the first floor and ceiling in the basement. They were removed.

**Stewardship:** Need a volunteer to chair team.

**Trustees:** Ed Persinger

- Bids for replacement of boilers are still in process.
- A new "Home Away From Home School" agreement was signed with increased donation from them because of rising attendance.

**Vision Team:**

- Has not met recently.

**Worship:** no report

**Special Teams:** Discernment Team

July 29<sup>th</sup> – New Beginnings Program to be presented to the team.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Onsite assessment with Jim Bane from National D.O.C. He will be given a tour of the church building and of the South Hills. There will be a dinner and question & answer time.

**New Business:** There was a question raised as to whether you had to be an officer to vote at a Board Meeting. Per the constitution, that is correct. Note: Board members includes officers, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses & Trustees.

Tom closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Chuck Sargent – Recording Secretary with some notes provided by Tom Spray