

**MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING minutes Jan 16, 2024 - DRAFT**

Attendance via Zoom: Janet Bowers, John McCarty, Rev Cindy McClung, Ed Persinger, Chuck Sargent, Barb & Ralph Scott, Cathy Snyder, Tom Spray

Meeting opened with prayer from John.

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

Minister's Report:

- Pray for Joy, Chris and family – x-ray of hip negative for Chris
- Horst may need rehab after surgery on his knee for infection
- Cindy will be going on vacation to the Galapagos Islands – 12 days

Church Clerk: Cathy Snyder. Member lost because of death: Darryl Gray

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott – End of year - total local and undesignated funds \$102,000 in 2023 vs \$88,000 in 2022. \$18,500 for Givelify vs \$10,000. Has prepared year-end statements for donations to get out to people starting Sunday and mailing the rest.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Waiting for year-end figures to get completed.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education: Rev Cindy

- There is no Bible Study on Wednesday evenings until March because of the House Meeting.
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinner are continuing. Some people switched groups and 10 more people are attending than last year.

Deaconess Report:

- Mary Jean and Bonnie setting up communion.

Deacons: Continuing helping during Sunday services with Communion and offering.

Elders – Cindy

- Only 3 attended.
- Went over prayer list.

Outreach: Jane McCarty

- Cards for Kane is outreach for January – Cathy/Mary Jane have done a bunch.
- 230 pounds of food donated last month

Personnel:

- Joyce was back in the office today. She worked from home some last week after her knee surgery.
- Chuck & John to help Joyce with newsletter for March while Cindy is on vacation.

- Samuel asked if we could sponsor his family who he is bringing to the US from Nigeria. After some discussion we decided we needed more information before doing something like this. He also is hoping to get a green card. Cindy will ask him to give her a name of someone to help us. Maybe somebody at the university.

Pastoral Relations Committee: no recent meeting.

Program team:

- Team needs to meet soon to make plans for events for 2024.
- Lent starts on Valentine's Day.
- Christmas Party after worship on Dec 10th went well.
- Caroling at Kane and Paramount in Bethel Park on December 16th went well.
- Deserts for fellowship after Christmas Eve service went well.

Property: Tom

- Tree on back lot cleaned up.
- Junk wood by shed was removed.
- Fire alarm went off yesterday. Probably loose wiring in one of the boxes. Paul worked with the Fire Department.
- Paul removed snow last Sunday and today.
- Jeff and his daughter took down the big Christmas tree in the sanctuary.
- Janet took down most of the other Christmas decorations.

Stewardship: Need a volunteer to chair team.

Trustees: Ed Persinger

- Approved roof repair quote Paul got of \$3,755 to replace tiles that are bad.
- Fire extinguisher was purchased for the kitchen to satisfy Fire Department.

Vision Team: On hold because of Discernment Team

Worship: Rev Cindy

- Cindy got preachers for when she is gone Jan 22 & Feb 3. Rachel Neil is going to preach Jan 28th and John McCarty on Feb 3rd.
- John and Cindy are preaching on the scriptures we are using in the house meetings.
- Chuck will help Rachel with our worship schedule when she preaches and help lead songs. Cindy planning the songs for the service on the 28th.

Special Teams: Discernment Team

- House meetings have started. 26 people have signed up plus leaders of 5.
- DOC contact thrilled with the number of people participating.

Cindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Chuck Sargent