

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING minutes March 19, 2024 - draft

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

Meeting opened with prayer from Cindy.

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

Minister's Report:

- Bill Samples and Bill Green moved to higher levels of care.
- Continue prayers for Ron Brown and Amy for his recovery.

Church Clerk: Cathy Snyder. No report.

Financial Secretary: Barb Scott – January donations down \$2,000 from last year and February down a little bit.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bowers

- Finances down a little bit. Year-end figures came out but Janet waiting for Trustees to help determine which month to categorize funds into.
- Year-end report was pretty good. Trustees got report and working with Janet to finalize. One of best years in donations she has seen in a while. Did not cover all expenses but we spent more than normal for repairs.
- Janet has budget spreadsheet she has put together to help plan for this year. Jane has offered to help.

The Officers' reports were approved.

Team Reports

Christian Education: Rev Cindy

- Bible Study – 24hrs that changed the world in April continues on Wednesdays.
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinner are continuing.

Deaconess Report: Mary Jane and Bonnie are setting up communion each Sunday.

Deacons: Continuing helping during Sunday services with Communion and offering. Suggestion was made to take communion up to balcony before the service.

Elders – Chuck

- Reviewed the prayer list.
- Elders are to call our sheep about Holy Week.
- Take communion to homebound.

Outreach: Jane McCarty

- March Madness fundraiser for choice of charities.
- Not sure of plans for April yet.

Personnel:

- Joyce retiring March 22nd. Reception for her on Sunday, March 24th. Tom getting cake.
- Jane is doing newsletter for April.
- Chuck will work with Joyce to get computer files organization Joyce uses & passwords for sites she uses. Chuck will get lists for mailings etc. to Cindy, Jane & Janet. Chuck will send to Jane info for newsletter.
- Janet is getting things a number of items from Joyce, especially for finances.
- Samuel not asking church to sponsor him and his family. He May do concert in May for a fundraiser for him to help bring his family to USA. Concert was voted on and approved.
- Working on job description for administrative secretary.

Pastoral Relations Committee: no recent meeting.

Program team: Cindy

- Breakfast for Easter at 9:30 being done by the men.
- Pentecost – May 19th – picnic outside weather permitting.
- Strawberry Festival – June 8th. Details to come as we get closer.

Property: Tom

- Flashing light by church sign – too much labor to fix. May get some other type of light instead of hardwired like it is now.
- Dead tree removed from the front of the parsonage by Mt Lebanon.
- Discussion about putting a sign on the back hill not to sled ride in the winter was suggested by Duane. We voted on it and approved it. Duane is going to look into what is available.

Stewardship: Need a volunteer to chair team.

Trustees: Ed Persinger

- Trustees unanimously voted to approve the expense for the Ring Doorbell battery that Chuck got.
- The person who reached out to Mike about using the Sanctuary has not been in contact with him.
- Now that we have access to Vanguard, Trustees are requesting actual dollar figures from Finance to move funds to replenish those taken from the general fund in 2023 (seminary expenses for Schnars; special gifts for New Beginnings, etc.)

Vision Team: On hold because of Discernment Team

Worship: Rev Cindy

- Flowers forms were turned in.
- Palm Sunday – with Palms
- Maundy Thursday service by John McCarty
- Good Friday – prayer stations at the church 12-3
- Easter – combined service and breakfast at 9:30 done by the men
- Choir singing Palm Sunday and Easter. 10am practice each Sunday.

Special Teams: Discernment Team

- House meetings completed.
- Report was presented this past Sunday of the results of the house meetings at a lunch we had.
- Spiritual gifts handed out on Sunday for people to turn in.

New Business:

Nominating Team: Chuck Sargent

John McCarty closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Chuck Sargent