

**MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BOARD MEETING minutes May 20, 2025**

Attendance via Zoom: **Jane & John McCarty, Rev Cindy McClung, Kathy & Tom Spray, Janet Bowers, Chuck Sargent, Cathy Snyder, Mary Jane Webb, Ed Persinger.** Those in bold are Officers whose votes are counted for this meeting.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Cindy.

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

**Minister's Report:**

- We had a memorial service for Joanne Houston on June 10<sup>th</sup> and Douglas (her son) was grateful.
- New members were welcomed first week of May. Abby & Mike Teti, Betty Ann Fletcher, Drake Moore
- Abby to have baby Thursday. Crawford will be the baby's name.

**Church Clerk:** Cathy Snyder. Membership increase of 3. (Joanne passed away and 4 new members noted above)

**Financial Secretary:** Kathy Spray – through end of April Income of \$43,000. Giving is up by \$3,000 from last year. She presented a financial summary for income & expenses. \$11,000 deficit so far this year and project deficit of over \$24,000 for the whole year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet – general funding for this time period overspent by \$6,200 last year and by \$16,000 this year. All numbers for Quickbooks are now up-to-date. We will get updated reports from Harold very soon where all can be looked at more closely.

The Officers' reports were approved.

## **Team Reports**

**Christian Education:** Cindy

- Bible study – Rev Cindy is doing one last bible study on Jesus final days tomorrow night.
- Dining Disciples luncheons and dinners will start back up in the fall.

**Deaconess Report:** Deaconesses continue taking turns setting up communion trays each Sunday. Communion was also provided for Joanne's service.

**Deacons:** Deacons continue to help during Sunday services with Communion and the offering.

**Elders – Chuck**

- Discussed prayer concerns. Notified the prayer chain and then all members of Joanne Houston's deaths.
- Mentioned to the board that there are lots of greeting/sympathy cards in the library that anyone can use.

**Outreach:** Jane McCarty

- Chuck took shoes & coats we collected to Washington City Mission. They really appreciated all.
- We did cleanup day for our section of Cochran Road after worship on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- May Outreach – putting flowers together if we can get people to participate. Maybe setup for first Sunday in June and possibly for Kane.
- June Outreach – collecting money for Washington City Mission. Maybe get somebody from there to come and speak to us.
- Jane is interested in creating an electronic form to send check requests for payments to the church secretary.

**Personnel:**

- Samuel had his organ concert at the church in May 3rd.
- Samuel graduated with his Masters from Duquesne May 9<sup>th</sup> and is now in a 2-yr program for Artist Performing through Duquesne.

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**Program team:** from Rev Cindy

- Pentecost Sunday (June 8<sup>th</sup>) We will have a butterfly release for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Brass band performing.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday (June 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Lunch after worship. \$200 for food ordered so far.
  - Cindy ran into Jane Bishop (former member) and invited her to come for the Anniversary.
  - We are inviting former ministers to attend, send a note or send a video for us to play.

**Property:** no report

**Stewardship:** No chairperson or report.

**Trustees:** Ed Persinger

- Bill Samples estate donated a generous amount to the church in his Will.
- Getting Parsonage ready for sale.
  - We may sell ASIS as much as possible. Ed is reaching out to Howard Hanna Real Estate agent.
  - Need to arrange for one-time landscaping service to improve the curb appeal.
  - Cindy said all things will be out by the middle of June.
  - Cindy said touch-up is needed around doors.
  - Jane suggested we use the group that cleans the church to clean the parsonage.
- Bev Gray teaching Yoga classes at the church. Mike finalizing contract with her.

**Worship – Cindy**

- Friendship Village sang with our church choir for Palm Sunday.
- Ralph & Chuck also sang at Friendship Village with their choir that evening.
- The Bell Choir played for Easter.
- The men of the church cooked a fantastic breakfast for the congregation Easter morning.

**Old Business:** Discernment Team

- Jane & Kathy met to produce a list of responsibilities if we eliminate a position.
- John emphasized we need a budget.
- Kathy, Chuck, Janet & Dan met in May to review budget numbers that the Discernment Team had put together. A few numbers or ideas that were brought up need to be reviewed more before this team presents any more information. A meeting date needs to be setup.

**New Business:**

- **Constitution & By-Law suggested changes**
  - John McCarty & Chuck met with Tom these past few weeks to document suggested changes to the Constitution & By-Laws.
  - It had been suggested by the Discernment Team and Rev Cindy that we needed to have a document that more accurately reflected how we have been operating and how we should operate in the future.
  - Chuck emailed the suggested new document to the whole congregation before the meeting.
  - Chuck's email mentioned we would be discussing the changes at the board meeting on May 20th and invited all members to attend the zoom meeting.
  - Chuck also sent an email with a document that noted the changes in RED to the Church Officers to help with the meeting and vote on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - During today's meeting the following was done:
    - We asked if anyone at the meeting wanted to discuss anything in the document. A few questions were asked.
    - After discussion, a few changes were made.
    - All items in the updated document were approved by vote. (7 people needed for a quorum) 8 of the officers attending the meeting approved the new documents. There were not any (no) votes.
  - Chuck will email the updated document with the changes from the meeting to all those at the meeting to make sure they include the changes as voted on.
  - There will be an announcement this Sunday informing everyone that there would be congregation vote on June 29<sup>th</sup> to approve the changes. The updated document will also be emailed to members before June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Nominating Team** – During the meeting, Kathy Spray, Jane McCarty & Janet Bowers agreed to be on the team.
  - The members of this team will be listed in this Sunday's bulletin and announced during the service.
  - This team is to fill the positions of all officers by the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting when each person being nominating will be voted on by the congregation.
  - Chuck will email the current list of officers and Tom will help direct the team on their responsibilities.

Rev John McCarty closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Chuck Sargent, Recording Secretary