

Our Mission is to enable persons to encounter the living God as  
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Through Jesus Christ, to serve and celebrate God in an ever-changing  
society.

**Broadway Christian Church  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2023**

**PRESENT** - 5 Staff, 25 Board members, 11 Guests

**OPENING PRAYER** - Mary Cunningham

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. PRIORITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE - LGBTQIA+** - Darren Day

Our new name tags with pronouns and masks indicate that our church is open and affirming. Broadway were involved in Pride Fest (a September event, nationally recognized all the month of June) with a booth and literature about our church and its inclusiveness, and our youth choir sang. Lesley Clay is including literature in the library. The Alliance Q website indicates churches that are open and affirming. It is the committee's desire to improve marketing by creating commercials about Broadway. Since Pride Fest is an all-June event, this year we plan to recognize the community for the whole month.

**B. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE** - Mary Cunningham

Members appointed are Charlotte George (Chair) David Holmes, Rick Frost, John Poehlmann, Dorothy Sprouse, Darlene Miles, and Kimberly Kenney. The campaign starts the week after Easter.

**MINISTRY AREA REPORTS**

**A. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - submitted by Kate Stecklein

**Third grade Bible workshop** - January 14, 2023. We had four kids participate in the workshop and five were given the first book in a series that we are launching. NIV, The Books of the Bible for Kids is a 4-volume abridged Bible study that strips the Bible of its chapters and verse numbers, headings, and special formatting so that it's easier to read and accessible to all. With wide margins, shorter lines, a larger font size, and engaging illustrations, these books are designed especially for developing readers. (Zondervan description) We have divided the book into 6 parts, and the kids will read a section at home, then we will discuss together at our bi-monthly meetings. The daily readings have space for notes, and we are encouraging these Bibles to be marked up! Highlight, doodle, whatever you need to help you engage in what you are reading. Fun fact - there is an accompanying adult study available.

**Basketball workshop** - January 15, 2023. We have several basketball enthusiasts among our Pathways kids, so Mike Lilian offered to teach a clinic. We had 10 kids participate. Great energy.

## FUTURE PLANS

We are gathering and organizing **VBS** curriculum and looking to fill the bigger roles in the next couple of weeks. In case you are living under a rock, **VBS will be July 9-13.**

We will be collecting soup and other non-perishable food for the local food bank.

- \* **Souperbowl!** Collection - February 5 - 19.
- \* Parents' Night Out - February 11
- \* First meeting of New Bible Study - February 12
- \* One-Day VBS - February 17

### **B. YOUTH MINISTRY** - submitted by Mike Crews

Partnered with Children's Ministry to host Christmas caroling at The Terrace.

Twenty-five kids and four chaperones attended our kick-off party at COMO Rocks.

Eighteen teens engaged in our January small group series. MS: The Art of Prayer and HS: Faith in an Anxious World.

Our Faith, Our Bodies retreat is in February in partnership with the region and other DOC congregations in Columbia.

March Fall Retreat at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, MO.

### **C. ALL GOD'S CHILDREN** - submitted by Lea Ann Lowery

Crystal Harrison has tendered her resignation as coordinator of AGC citing her on-going health challenges as the reason for her decision.

The C-YA team, pastoral team and Every Ability Flourishes action team will discern future considerations for AGC and accessibility ministries at Broadway during this time of transition.

### **D. DEACONS**

### **E. DISCIPLESHIP** - submitted by Martha Jolly

Launched the winter trimester with the January "Taste and See". New classes and groups include

- \* Awakenings with Rick Frost
- \* Parents of Young Children series with Julia Moore
- \* New Disciples 101/Broadway 201 in February

Discipleship committee is advising on vision and content for a more robust discipleship hour in light of the unified vision.

## FUTURE PLANS

Continue to develop our Intentional Discipleship plan.

Developing a Wednesday evening series for Lent

Creating an intergenerational Bible study series for Lent.

### **CARELINK** - submitted by Patsy Dalton

CareLink volunteers have been responding to quite a few needs this past couple of months. Of all the 12 ministries in CareLink, five or six get regular requests passed to them from the ministers to Patsy to the CareLink ministry chairs. These six are cards, calls of concern, meals/casseroles, flowers, prayers. The other five ministries are also available with funeral meals, handy helpers, rides to church, caregiver and grief support and soon with Spirited Singers.

The last couple of months in particular we have heard many comments about how CareLink services are so appreciated. Cards for family members out of town have been a welcome surprise to families. In addition, meals brought at just the time a family needs them have been a huge help. Phone calls just to check on people are welcomed also.

We ask that each of you board members contact Patsy or Ingrid if you know of a need. That can be upcoming surgeries, caregiver support, and all the needs listed above. It is up to all of us to report these needs since some people do not know that all they need to do is call and we will go into action. Moreover, many people do not really know how to ask for help. It is frightening to find yourself in need and nowhere to turn.

“Taste and See” did it again for CareLink. We had a double table at the last event and ended up with three new volunteers. The “Taste and See” before that one resulted in six volunteers and three more people have volunteered just by discussions in small groups or in the hallways.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

It is time for us to begin meeting with individual CareLink ministry leaders and then have a full meeting of all CareLink volunteers. Since that numbers 130 to 140 people to invite, we want to make sure we are very ready for that fantastic get together.

We encourage you to call Patsy Dalton (573-356-6036) or Linda Poehlmann if you ever have requests or questions about CareLink. We are always eager to hear of needs and always eager to help come up with solutions for those needs. We are always open to ideas for added ministries.

### **F. ELDERS** - Leo Manson

The Elders are working with the ministry teams. Since COVID is still on going and is a problem in living facilities such as The Terrace, those wishing to visit should check first to find out the situation.

### **G. FELLOWSHIP** - submitted by Cheryl L. Shigaki & Debby Graham

1. Fellowship ministry continues to provide a meal each month for the Sunday youth night.
2. Fellowship ministry continues to provide snacks for “Taste and See” events.
3. Christmas Eve soup and sandwich luncheon.

## FUTURE PLANS

Next event will be the chili cook-off (Congregational Meeting - March)

We have appreciated assistance with “Going Green” efforts during fellowship events including announcements from pastors and volunteers who stand by receptacles and provide instruction. Board members, please remember to remind others to use recycle bins (including wiping/rinsing plastic forks and spoons and putting them in the separate recycle containers)

### **H. MOM** - submitted by Jan Jones

**Shelter and Clothing Ministry:** Our focus week at **Room at the Inn** was January 8-14. They are running at or near capacity of 65-75, mostly male. Volunteering continues at the **Wardrobe** on the 1st Friday afternoon of each month. **Habitat Garage Sale** is set for April 15. The committee voted to donate an additional \$7,000 to Habitat to sponsor a room at the blitz build in September (four homes in 10 days).

**Food Ministry:** Served 120 meals at **Loaves and Fishes** on December 31. We will discontinue providing quarterly meals due to waning interest. The **Mobile Food Pantry** moved to Broadway on January 25. 110-115 were served.

**Reconciliation Ministry:** St. Luke UMC hosted Songs of the Enslaved on January 29. We gifted \$100 to the speaker.

**Mission Trips:** We have begun showing videos.

**Education:** CELN sent us a thank you for the mug-filled gifts for teachers.

**Holidays:** The **VAC Holiday Program** ran smoothly, and we received many positive compliments. About 60 members participated in **Kettle Ringing** for the Salvation Army. Our 69 hours brought in \$6,422.

### **December Finances:**

- \* \$10,400 was paid out to the various agencies.
- \* \$4,500 was paid out to Enlace (budgeted)
- \* \$550 was paid out to Enlace (individual gifts)
- \* \$3,724 was collected on Christmas Eve and was split between RATI and Mobility Worldwide
- \* \$1,020 was collected for Christmas Special Offering.

## FUTURE PLANS

**Shelter and Clothing Ministry:** Our next focus weeks at RATI are February 5-11 and March 5-11. One can sign-up on our BCC Genius for food prep or RATI's Genius for volunteer supervision.

We voted to participate in a church wide drive for **Boonville Correctional Center** to provide clothing for men when they are released. No black or camouflage clothing is allowed.

**Food Ministry:** Requests for plots in the **Community Garden** are coming in.

**Reconciliation Ministry:** The Trails of Tears pilgrimage has been set for July 10-17. We donated \$2,000 for costs/scholarships. Larry Brown is hosting a six-week Lenten series at Olivette themed around racism/reconciliation. The film, Teach Us All, will be shown on March 19, and a panel discussion will follow.

**Mission Trips:** We will continue to air video and have set a deadline for sign-up in March, so we have time for prep classes before the trip in June.

**Education:** CELN sends students home with 84 backpacks of food each week from the Food Bank, but is in need of canned meat products for their pantry. There is a shelf in the pantry marked for CELN canned meat donations. English learning classes for **refugees** will resume on February 2. They need tutors and help with childcare.

**I. RESOURCES - PERMANENT FUNDS** - submitted by Guy Adams  
Nothing to report at this time.

**J. RESOURCES - PROPERTY** - submitted by Ken Welty  
Voted to authorize TrueSon Exteriors to fabricate and install a 13' and 18' handrail on ramps going up to Sanctuary from front door and from Sanctuary to offices.

Updated lighting is completed. Total cost was \$38,511.38; however, we will be receiving a rebate from the City of Columbia for \$9,940.

Reviewed bids for new gas stove in kitchen. Narrowed down to two choices. Will gather stakeholders to let them decide which stove they want to go with. (UPDATE: The new stove will be delivered on Friday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.)

The Fellowship Hall bathroom doors are now power-assist.

Discussed large Boy Scout trailer that is no longer used. There is another Boy Scout troop that has outgrown their current small trailer, motion was made and seconded that we give them our current trailer.

Established Saturday, March 18, as our spring property workday. Workday would start at 9:00 a.m.

**K. WORSHIP** - submitted by Deb Carr and Lynelle Phillips  
The Committee met on January 24, 2023. Items for future consideration included:

1. Development of on-line support for streamed services.
2. Development of a Monday morning support team to assist in Sanctuary re-set.
3. Communication regarding room set-up and transition on Sunday morning.
4. Review of the meetings held to date regarding the move to one worship service.

## FUTURE PLANS

The Committee has set the following goals for the upcoming March 2023 meetings:

1. Review and approve welcome and communication portal for on-line worship attendees.
2. Report on Monday morning support team implementation.

3. Continue to support sacred spaces during seasonal changes heading into Easter.
4. Continue to discuss the processes regarding a potential move to one worship service.

The Worship committee is, overall, supportive of one unified worship service at Broadway, but that support is not unanimous. Most members of the committee believe that a unified service can send a message of unity in a time of division, and note that our demographics support fewer services on Sunday morning. The concerns regarding how this will be implemented, the balanced approach needed for worship music, and how new members and visitors can be made welcome in a single, larger worship experience will be areas of focus for the committee in future meetings.

#### **L. PERSONNEL** - submitted by David Holmes

As you know, Casey Twidwell is stepping away from our Communications position (albeit slowly). She has been great to hang in with BCC as we determine the full needs and find the right person to fit her position. In the meantime, she has kept up the publications and aspects of her role that she can to bridge the gap.

Part of the gap solution is to step back five of her hours by “subcontracting” those hours (for the Weekly Enews specifically) to someone else. That someone else is naturally Leslie Robb LeSieur as she already is part of the BCC team and has stepped in this way many times before. She is willing and ready to do this.

They have already figured out how to best handle the work so most people will not notice any changes.

There will be an increase in Leslie’s contract pay to be (more) commensurate with what the position requires. It is estimated this will not affect the budget in any way as it will reduce Casey’s contract hours and increase Leslie’s equally.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Ingrid Luckenbill

In January, we lost four members due to death: Dorothy Sorrels (1/2/23), Cindy Zirillio (1/7/23), Gertie Combs (1/24/23) and Lea Strayhall (1/29/23 at age 100). Our total membership stands at 625, active 584.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Ingrid Luckenbill (for Martha Head)

Our financial picture looks “quite good.” The Pledged and Unpledged giving in December exceeded the Budgeted amount.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Terry Overfelt reports that a member has a Yamaha Acoustic Grand Piano to sell for \$20,500. Steve Fair and the musicians have checked it out. The old piano can go to the choir room if it proves to be a better instrument than the current choir room piano. The one not chosen will be sold. The rest of the purchase price will come from Permanent Funds (\$5,428.60 and has been approved by the BF Trustees) and Memorial Funds. Specifications: Ebony, 6’1”, lockable housing with three original Yamaha keys, brass casters, humidifier/dehumidifier, storage bench, cover. Seller agrees to pay \$585 toward moving costs with TLC Moving.

A motion was made by Guy Adams and seconded by Lynelle Phillips to purchase the piano. The motion passed.

## **UNIFIED VISION - Mark Briley**

With equal parts enthusiasm and concern, 500 “voices” took part in discussion groups over the past few months in regards to the Unified Vision.

It was reported that the Worship committee supports the vision as well as the Elders, Deacons and the Executive committee.

Mary asked tonight that we have consensus on the plan with details to be worked out later through on-going conversations.

Motion was brought to the floor by LeAnn Skinner and seconded by Ellen Flottman of launching a single worship service. The motion passed.

A second motion was brought to the floor by Leo Manson and seconded by Dorothy Sprouse to affirm the spirit of the Unified Vision, entrusting the detailed work of each segment of the vision to the work of the existing committees. The motion passed.

## **MINISTER’S REMARKS**

Terry Overfelt reported on the up-coming Women’s Retreat. She says that due to a family health issue, Sarah Griffith Lund will not be taking part.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

## **PRAYER - Martha Jolly**