

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2022

PRESENT - 21 Board members, 3 ministers, 4 staff, 7 congregants

OPENING PRAYER - Robin Perso

INFORMATION ITEMS

Imaginarium - Linda Smith, Kristi Livingston, Syd Stansberry and David Wallace gave a report on the progress their committee is making.

Future of the Church - Update by Mark Briley

Mark reports that there is a decline in the number of children attending with disabilities. The possibility of a future with one Sunday service was discussed.

Ministry Area Reports

A. Children's Ministry - submitted by Kate Stecklein

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Pathways in November focused on Jesus as a friend. In December, we will talk about Jesus as Messiah. We had good attendance, between 10 and 14. There are usually 3 kids in W&W.

We met several times in November to record pieces of the Christmas Pageant. We had two big rehearsals and two awesome performances. We are so very proud of the kids! We are very thankful for those who helped make the pageant a success. Taby, Terry, the Fritzs, Kristi, Nollie, Ingrid, Sarah and the parents who made the kids practice at home!

We had another One Day VBS, Bread of Life. Lots of good energy for this one, and so much bread! Thanks to the teachers who helped, Linda, Cheryl and Mike. A few families joined in over Thanksgiving break to help decorate the classrooms.

We have been working on Christmas ornaments and our upcoming Christmas events. We are working on a Bible study that will start in 3rd grade and finish in 5th grade. The goal is for the kids to read an abridged version of the Bible in two years. The Bibles we will use are organized in a chapter book style and lots of the chunks of lineage of people or other hard to understand pieces are reworded or taken out. We will meet once a month to discuss what was read at home and do an activity that relates to what we read or will read the next month. We hope this will also encourage fellowship with the upper elementary kids.

It was noted that Sunday's children's program was the first such Christmas program we have had in a couple of years

FUTURE PLANS

We are preparing the 3rd grade Bible workshop and baptism class which are starting in January and early February.

B. Youth Ministry - submitted by Mike Crews

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Held 2 additional small group series focused on Broad Minds and Broad Reach respectively. Partnered with Care Link and MOM to create an apprentice-style experience for teens to learn, connect and serve through these ministries. Around 30 middle-high schoolers have engaged in at least one of our Sunday evening sessions.

Hosted our annual Youth Make a Difference Day. About 12 youth and 5 chaperones served at 6 homes of BCC members offering fall yard work and cleanup.

Hired Mason Mitchell as a college intern to help support youth ministry at Broadway.

Imaginarium conducted 2 substantive listening sessions with a diverse group of BCC parents to help inform more effective family ministry in our post-pandemic church.

FUTURE PLANS

Host a family caroling and Christmas party for all ages in December.

New Year's launch party for youth in January.

God and sex retreat in February in partnership with the region and other DOC congregations in Columbia.

March fall retreat at Camp Jo-ota in Clarence, MO.

All God's Children - Lea Ann Lowery noted that there is a decline in the number of children with disabilities attending. Also, it is a struggle to keep all involved.

C. Deacons - No further updates at this time.

D. Discipleship - submitted by Martha Jolly

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

New Discipleship committee continues to meet. Working on developing an "Intentional Discipleship" system to help align program courses and content and give members a tool to grow in heart, mind, reach.

Advised content for the Advent season which has included a Sunday morning Advent scripture study on Mark and a Wednesday evening small group.

FUTURE PLANS

Continue to develop our Intentional Discipleship Plan.

Host our next Taste and See in January.

Raise up new opportunities for study, service, and connection in the winter trimester.

Disciples 101/Broadway 201

Awakenings session 2

Lenten study aligned with the series

Discipleship - Carelink - submitted by Patsy Dalton

CareLink has been working intergenerationally over the last month. Through a program meeting with junior high students here in our own church, CareLink has been teaching about three different CareLink ministries. But first we reviewed all twelve ministries and explained each and what they do and who does it. The first Sunday Joyce Harter and Patsy Dalton talked about the casserole ministry and what it entails.

The second Sunday evening the youth heard Leo Manson and Patsy discuss the flower ministry. And this time the activities were hands on. We went to the kitchen, broke down the large arrangement used in the services that morning and made 10 arrangements. Then each person wrote cards, and we took all of the arrangements to the church office. The next morning each staff member received a heartfelt card and a beautiful floral arrangement.

The third Sunday evening we featured card ministry and followed an outline written by Carole Braun, chair of the card ministry. Then we talked about the importance of writing when you want to express heartfelt joy or sympathy or well wishes. Times have changed a lot for all of us, and we helped the youth understand how important this can be for older people or even those who are a bit younger. This coming Sunday we will feature a couple more CareLink ministries before the end of this series.

It is a joy to train our young people to really care, really empathize with families in our church. And we were so happy to see the enthusiasm of the young people.

CareLink has helped with quite a few illnesses among our church family and sometimes with funerals. We have been able to vary the services and meals and meet the needs of all the families. It is amazing how being on the CareLink teams can make any of us feel more understanding of one another.

FUTURE PLANS

We have just gotten back for the singing group with CareLink, and they have performed for Seasoned Spirits. Now we are hoping they will be able to begin performing again in care centers. We always need more volunteers, so please suggest to the people you know in the church that we sure could use more volunteers.

We wish you a blessed Christmas.

E. Elders - submitted by Leo Manson

I have little to report in relation to the Elders efforts for the past 2 months. Of course, Terrace services continue, home communion continues (only comments here are related to continued

debate concerning communion for individuals who seem non-responsive or don't understand what is happening).

F. Fellowship Ministry - Cheryl Shigaki and Debby Graham

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Fellowship ministry continues to provide a meal each month for the Sunday youth night. Fellowship ministry assisted with food at the 10/30 Trunk or Treat event. Annual Goodie Sunday held on 12/4. While a lot of people have signed up to volunteer at the Christmas Eve services, still more are needed.

FUTURE PLANS

Christmas Eve soup and sandwich luncheon. We need about 5 more volunteers. It would be helpful to get commitments for about 10 more crocks of soup.

QUESTIONS OR REQUESTED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD

Fellowship ministry has many questions about "going green." We respectfully request an agenda item reflecting this. The basic questions are:

1. Is there a "green expert" among us?
2. How green do we want to be? Are we satisfied with the "greenness" of commercial disposable green products?
3. Are we budget-ready for buying green products? Or shoring up our reusable dinnerware?
4. If we are not satisfied with the "greenness" of commercial disposable green products, can we consistently identify dishwashing volunteers?

NOTES

1. After looking at a few articles online it appears to me that NO PLASTIC UTENSILS are really recycle-able because of their size. It is possible that they can be recycled if put into a larger container, but I think we ought to inquire about this.
2. Solo cups are not recyclable.
3. Are paper plates acceptable?
4. In a quick search I found corn-based and bamboo-based cups and utensils. Unclear to me how compostable these really are (will they disintegrate if put in a Hefty bag in the landfill?) After a quick search, the compostable items run about twice as expensive as what we have been using.

G. MOM - Submitted by Jan Jones

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Shelter and Clothing Ministry: Room at the Inn is sheltering in the old VFW building, now renamed The Ashley Street Center. They are using the old bingo hall portion of the building which has a 60-bed potential. The city is extending bus service to this location and plans to conduct major renovations this summer. The site will continue to need food donations and

many volunteers. Although we plan to focus our help during one specific week each month, members can sign-up to help at any time: [Volunteer \(roomattheinncomo.org\)](http://roomattheinncomo.org). We voted to Provide an extra \$4,000 to help RATI with start-up at their new home. Broadway members continue to volunteer at the **Wardrobe** on the 1st Friday afternoon of each month. The **Habitat Garage Sale** has been set for April 15.

Food ministries: We served 144 meals at **Loaves and Fishes** in October and 30 meals at Ronald McDonald House in November. So many families are utilizing the **Mobile Food Pantry** that there is congestion on Worley Street during the distribution, so the site is being moved to Broadway beginning in January.

Reconciliation Ministry: Broadway collected \$855 for Reconciliation Special Offering. Race Onward reported many people were assisted in getting voter id's and getting them registered to vote. Plans have been finalized for the January 29 event, *A Historical Journey: Songs of the Enslaved*, to be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church at 2:00. The Trails of Tears pilgrimage has been set for July 10-17, 2023.

Mission Trips: Both the Enlace & El Salvador videos have been completed and are ready for a viewing party. Recruitment has begun for our next trip in June.

Education: Notes of encouragement were sent to teachers and staff. We provided soups for teachers during the fall parent/teacher conferences in November which was greatly appreciated.

The Holidays: The Tree of Hope has been fulfilled. Broadway hosted the distribution for the VAC Holiday Program this year and volunteers were grateful for the snacks we provided. Broadway has committed to bell ringing for the Salvation Army on the Fridays and Saturdays in December from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. This year's Christmas Eve Special Offering will be split between Room at the Inn and Mobility Worldwide.

Noisy Offering collected \$250 for Week of Compassion-Hurricane Ian (Florida). The next offering will be collected in January and go to the Wooldridge community to assist with their fire damage. \$823 was collected for the Thanksgiving Special Offering and forwarded to The Discipleship. The SERRV Sale netted \$1,822.50. MOM received a \$5,000 donation that has been deposited into the #8110-MOM Prem Fund Distribution Fund.

Cody Cox from Coyote Hill is recruiting volunteers for their Family Connections Program in Columbia to supervise visits so children in foster care can see their parents once a week. Volunteers are a source of encouragement and support for parents and teams can alternate weeks or months. Check out Cody's flyer on our bulletin board or email him for more info: cody@coyotehill.org.

H. Resources - Permanent Funds - submitted by Guy Adams

No new activity to report.

I. Resources - Property - submitted by Ken Welty

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Approved updated bus policy that was submitted by the bus sub-committee.

Approved cost of repairs by Ozark Fire Sprinkler.

Don Harter added a cable to the catalytic converter on the bus to slow down any future theft.

Approved upgrading of exterior lighting on the front of the church.

Shared results of walk thru of church building with handicap accessibility committee.

FUTURE PLANS

Considering an evening workday to install handrails on the walkway up to offices.

Considering installing two auto doors onto bathrooms in Fellowship Hall.

J. Worship - Submitted by Deb Carr, Lynelle Phillips

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Committee met on November 15, 2022. Items for future consideration included:

1. On-line Worship Support
2. Worship Space & Cleaning
3. Re-arrangement of Worship Space
4. Review and Discussion of Data and Documents related to Worship
 - a. "Unified: A Season of Synergy, Innovation and Transformation @ Broadway
 - b. Demographic Membership & Worship Attendance Numbers

FUTURE PLANS

1. Review on-line worship support systems currently utilized by other congregations
2. Explore assistance options to support cleaning of worship spaces
3. Contact key individuals regarding set-up for current worship spaces
4. Explore other church's journeys into "unified" worship services

After careful review of documentation and demographic membership and worship attendance, the Worship Committee recommends that the Board begin an exploration process for consideration of one, unified worship service at Broadway.

K. Personnel - Submitted by David Holmes

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Recently Mason Mitchell has been added to the Faith Formation Team as a Youth Ministry intern. We look forward to the ways he will not only continue to serve with Broadway's existing

staff and volunteers, but help imagine new and different ways to involve the BCC congregation in the deepening work of faith formation inspired by the ways of Jesus.

Here's a little more about Mason: Mason Mitchell is a Junior at Central Methodist University studying music ministry. He was born and raised in Columbia and moved to St. Louis after starting high school. Mason has a strong background in church and youth ministry. He was very involved as a youth at Woodcrest where his father was pastor for many years. Mason also leads the worship band for middle school praise at the Crossing on Sundays. This year, he attended our mission trip to El Salvador through Enlace which helped connect him more deeply at Broadway. For the remainder of his school year he'll be working primarily with John in youth ministry. We are excited to have him on board.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ingrid Luckenbill

Ingrid reports that there were no new members added in November. There are now a total of 634 members with 592 being active. We were saddened by the passing of two long-time members in December - George Garner (services held on December 16) and Jim Thorne (services held on December 17).

FINANCIAL REPORT - Ingrid Luckenbill and Martha Head

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Mary Cunningham

Don Day and Dave Sleper conducted the initial safety meeting, the purpose of which was to show members location of panic buttons, medical equipment, etc. Fifty-one people attended.

Conceal and Carry - State law states that no guns are to be allowed on church property. However, even though ministers can give permission, it is felt that the church doesn't want to assume liability. The House states that we as a body can set a policy, but there is no way to ensure that a no-gun policy is followed.

ACTION ITEMS

The list of names for the Nominating Committee were presented to the Board. It was moved by David Holmes and seconded by Carol Sulltrop to accept the list. The motion carried.

Martha Head moved to include a mention in the bus policy that the manager and co-manager are to be approved by the Property Committee. Lynelle Phillips seconded, and the motion carried.

Lea Ann Lowery moved and Guy Adams seconded to accept the bus policy as amended. The motion carried. The Board thanked Don Harter for securing the catalytic converter to help deter theft.

NEW BUSINESS

MINISTER'S REMARKS

Terry Overfelt thanked the Board for allowing her the time to travel to Israel.

John DeLaporte stressed that the church must be a “listening church” in order to grow. He enjoyed seeing the ministries work with the youth groups.

John has started the process of commissioning with our region. He is grateful for our recommendations.

Mark Briley said that our church must be responsive to the “new world” since the pandemic. *Unified: A Season of Synergy, Innovation and Transformation @ Broadway* was given to Board members. The report states of *Unified* that it is “a synergetic season of innovation, growth, and transformation!”

CLOSING COMMENTS - Mary Cunningham

Mary gave her thoughts on the past-Presidents meeting held to discuss the future timing of church services. She said that all who were able to attend were in attendance, and she felt a sense of “faithfulness.”

PRAYER - Deb Carr

Next Board meeting - January 31, 2023 @ 7pm