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to serve and celebrate God in an ever-changing society.*

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2020

Present –21 Board Members, 5 Staff, 1 guest meeting remotely by Zoom.

Opening Prayer

Steve Westgate opened the meeting sharing a prayer from Deon Johnson, Bishop of the Missouri Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

Information Items

COVID-19 update. Our Broadway COVID group and the city health department have approved our plan for a Baptism on Sunday, May 31. The service will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm with only families attending at an appropriate distance. The rest of the congregation will be invited to come to the parking lot and greet the newly baptized with honking cheers as they emerge from the church.

Also approved is the plan to resume in-person worship in June, 10:30 am, with the following considerations: worship will be staged in the outdoor worship center with the attendees bringing their own chairs and spacing themselves across the lawn. Neither offering plates nor communion ware will be passed from person to person. Appropriate distancing will be encouraged.

Virtual services will also be continued. They will continue to be a hybrid of the three styles. They will be the same as the outdoor service but will be recorded at a previous time and broadcast at the same 10:30 am time.

Visioning. Deb Ward reported that the group did not meet in May because their plan for a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) required in-person meeting. They plan to meet in June to continue their work.

Annual meeting. Steve proposed that the annual meeting vote for budget approval be offered by mail or email with some meeting by Zoom on the scheduled day. John Poehlmann seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved.

MINISTRY AREAS

A. Children's Ministry—submitted by LeAnn Sapp and Aimee McBride

- Pathways will begin connecting with students via a weekly Zoom check in beginning early June. This format will consist of a Bible story video sent out on Sundays and a mid-week video conference session with students by grade. Pathways guides, classroom leaders, and Aimee will lead these weekly sessions.
- Worship and Wonder is currently on hiatus. We will begin sending out some video materials for families in June.
- Baptism and Pastors classes – Baptism for most of the current class will take place at a special, family only, service on May 31. We have 5 – fifth graders and two adults that will be baptized. In lieu of a retreat we have delivered a Baptism Reflection journal for the candidates to work through with their mentors. Thanks to Rachel Howard for embroidering

the baptism towels that are gifts to the newly baptized. A huge thank you to the families and mentors for continuing to persevere in these unexpected times.

FUTURE PLANS

- We are currently sorting through virtual VBS options for this summer. Right now interest is about 50/50 on a four day intensive, so trying to see what is available that can honor the needs of our families. Expect to make a decision by early June once most VBS alternatives have been released and vetted.
- With the input of our families and medical professionals, Children's Ministries continues to work on a comprehensive plan for what Sunday school will look like once we reconvene in August at the earliest. Right now, priority is understanding how to implement social distancing for our young students, ensuring hygienic safeguards are in place for our children and volunteers, and determining what types of activities are appropriate for this current season we are in.

B. Youth—submitted by Linda Wycoff

- Youth continue to run their regularly scheduled programs with virtual transitions including their Sunday night youth meetings and monthly game nights via Zoom.
- They continue to participate in services by reading the litany, scripture, stewardship moment, children's moment videos, and special music.
- Seniors recorded short videos for senior recognition Sunday.

FUTURE PLANS

- Work continues for youth Sunday held in June.
- Due to the cancellation of the mission trip to Texas to work with “border perspectives”, a humanitarian shelter, plans are in consideration for an “at home” mission trip for work on our church campus and other local endeavors.
- The possibility of a virtual youth Sunday in June is being discussed.
- Zoom meetings on Sunday nights will continue as well as the possibility of adding in a rotation of worship through creative avenues of singing and art times along with Bible study and games.
- Other plans are being discussed and considered determinant on the conditions and restrictions due to covid19.

C. Deacons—Submitted by James Zaner

- No report.

D. Discipleship--Submitted by Michelle Marshall

- Small groups continue to meet via Zoom.
- Nothing new to report.

CareLink—submitted by Patsy Dalton

- If you haven't had a chance to read the latest Broadway Life, we will repeat a few numbers for you that will indicate our level of activity over the last month.
- CareLink services provided 408 cards written to church family members in the month of April. That means everyone pitched in to help make sure that our church family knew they were being thought of

and prayed for and cared for. In addition we have 107 calls of concern made to do the same, let people know they are not forgotten and that their church was checking on their wellbeing. And then there were still more CareLink ministry activities in addition to those listed above.

- Who could ever have guessed that our community and our nation would be going through such trauma as the coronavirus? But here at Broadway, we all kicked in high gear and double checked on our church family members. And we continue to do this as long as needed.
- Many of our CareLink ministries are sidelined for a while since people can't be visited at care centers, singers can't sing at care centers, handy helpers can't be in people's homes right now, shawls can't be personally delivered, flowers aren't available from church services to deliver to members, food delivery is limited, caregivers support group can't meet at the church (or anywhere actually), and even funeral meals can't be served. We have designed a way to make sure families that might need assistance after a health issue can receive meal cards to buy the food they would like. And we have provided shawls and freshly made hug buddies to the ministers to deliver if they can.
- In general, CareLink has been as creative and willing as possible and we have backed up any services the ministers or staff may need to care for our church family. We pray for improvement for our nation, our community, and of course our beautiful church family.

FUTURE PLANS

- None of us know completely what to expect as the months progress, but CareLink fully intends to continue to be as active as possible in serving our church family. We can still make phone calls, send lots of loving cards, send food cards when needed and even provide more prayer shawls and hug buddies, as needed and allowed. And of course we have our handy helpers standing by to respond to calls for help with an array of services. Often we are receiving prayer requests and we pass that information on to CareLinkers.

Contact Patsy Dalton at 356-6036 or Linda Poehlmann at 234-1950 if you know of any needs that CareLink can address.

E. Elders—submitted by Brent Gahn

- Elders held an Elder's Circle meeting tonight prior to this meeting.
- Beyond that, there is nothing new to report.

F. Fellowship—submitted by Dixie Fisher and Cheryl Shigaki

- May events: all events cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.
- June: No events in June due to COVID-19 concerns

FUTURE PLANS

- We will wait for guidance from the re-opening committee and then consider options for fellowship events in the fall
- Looking forward to working with Jennifer Reed in 2020-2021.

QUESTIONS FOR OR REQUESTED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD

- Many questions – all for which the answer is, “Be Patient.”

G. Mission and Outreach Ministry—Wayne Dykstra

- In consideration of the cancellation of the Habitat garage sale, \$10,000 was donated to Habitat for Humanity.
- Five thousand dollars was donated to Enlace.
- The adult mission trip has been cancelled. They may do Habitat volunteering instead. Both adults and youth can volunteer.

H. Permanent Funds—submitted by Rebecca Gingerich

No update

I. Property— Mike Crews

- Extensive work has been done to clean up the outdoor worship area. John and Anthony Poehlmann are to be thanked for their work there.
- Fellowship hall doors, railing of loft entrance, railing of CLC entrance, CLC walls all have been painted.
- Installed chair rail in CLC entrance doorway

J. Worship Ministry—Submitted by Mary Cunningham

- Increased visibility of Service Representatives via Broadway Weekly and publishing in weekly bulletins.
- Increased congregation/team participation in decorating sacred spaces.
- Initiated development of Sanctuary Use Policy and Rules.
- Applied for funding of seasonal sanctuary window banners.
- Participated in PET BLESSING
- Participated in COVID 19 Task Force.

Membership Report

Ingrid reported a total membership of 666 with 609 active members.

Financial Report

Ingrid reported that April contribution numbers are good. We have received an \$81,600 payroll protections loan which we have not had to use yet. All of the MOM commitments for May have been paid. Martha Head submitted the financial report showing a net activity of \$41,397.42 for April.

Executive Committee Report—Steve Westgate

The executive committee met twice in May. COVID-19 plans were discussed and agreed. At the regularly scheduled meeting it was decided to meet later in the month to allow more time for pledges to come in before approving the budget. At the special budget meeting the consensus was that the budget could be presented as proposed. There is always the understanding that adjustments can be made at a later time if it becomes necessary.

Action Items

The motion to approve the budget was made by Wayne Dykstra and seconded by LeAnn Sapp. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

Minister's Remarks

Mark Briley is working on the annual report. He is grateful for the ways Broadway continues to minister even in these unusual conditions. He senses that in Broadway there is “a light to be unleashed.”

Terry Overfelt expressed that this has been a reminder that we do not have to live at frenetic pace. This has been a time for vetting of what God wants us to do. She reminded us that God has no hands nor feet but ours. She is grateful for the ways we are connected in spirit.

Nick Larson noted that COVID conditions have made it an odd way to complete his final week at Broadway. He is grateful for all the messages he has received and has found that to be the blessing in leaving.

Closing Comments and Prayer

Steve commented that anything can be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit and that we are not called to be successful but to be faithful. He has found it to be a pleasure to serve as the chair person during this past year.

Steve closed with Nadia Bolz-Weber's “Prayer in the Time of COVID.”

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary