

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Board Minutes

08-16-2016

Present: 22 Board Members, 3 absent, 2 excused; 4 staff, and 9 guests

Leslie Clay opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked Nick Larson to lead us in prayer. She welcomed then new board members and provided an overview of her plans to conduct meetings using Roberts Rules of Order. She thanked committee members for submitting written reports that board members were asked to read in advance. Though not read aloud, those reports will become part of the minutes. Committee heads were further instructed to only present corrections and/or additions during the actual meeting.

Information Items

Brochure Project: Nick Larson presented a series of 9 brochures featuring the various ministry areas. Each 8" x 3 1/2 " full color piece has a common look, but stands alone with photos and descriptive copy on both sides. The brochures were created to provide information to potential, new and visiting members of our church. Board members were asked to proofread and make suggestions before we go to print. The project received an enthusiastic response.

Front Porch Committee – New Co-Chair: Leslie Clay announced Ed Stansberry will now serve as a co-chair.

Deacon Update: Leslie Clay reported Jessie Becker has been added to the 9:00 a.m. deacon team.

Text Giving: Ingrid Luckenbill announced you can now use an iPhone to donate to the church. She mentioned the new technology has already been announced in Broadway Life and some have already used it.

Ministry Area Reports

Connections – Marilyn McCreary reported the Connections committee met in July to plan and coordinate three upcoming events: Beverly Kyriakos' retirement reception, the Ice Cream Social, and the church photo-directory. They will meet again in September to plan fall activities. Marcia Walker is coordinating the Dinner for Eight program in the Fall. Also mentioned was the fact they are looking for activities that will embrace all ages in our fellowship programs and the committee plans to continue previous activities like the Chili Cook Off, and the Women's Spring Brunch. Marilyn still needs more people to work the photo area and she encouraged board members to volunteer.

Worship – Kristen Meade reported we will be wrapping up the summer sermon series "What did Jesus ask?" soon. The chancel choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 17th and will resume singing in worship on Sunday, August 21st. That same Sunday will feature our new organist. As far as future plans, she reported the Worship Committee will be meeting soon to discuss items that have been brought forward to the committee, as well as to discuss the worship plans for the Fall.

Elders – Tina Windett is planning Elder training sessions in the Fall, Winter and Spring. She plans to survey Elders in advance to select which topics they are most interested in.

Deacons – Ron Marshall had nothing to report.

Service – Don Day and Catherine Queener reported they had developed the MOM budget for 2016 – 2017, conducted a World Refugee Day Celebration on July 9th, and Room at the Inn planning continues. They also reported the Community Garden now hosts 50 families, MOM Catering will start this month with the proceeds going toward mission trips, and they submitted a Reconciliation Grant Application. Future plans include the MOM Potluck and Monthly Meeting on August 15th, the Crop Hunger Walk on September 25th, and the EnCircle Program with Autistic Children. They are also developing a Refugee Resettlement Team.

Resources (Financial) – Debbie Fisher reported she is waiting approval of the Permanent Funds revised guidelines so the committee can move forward.

Resources (Property) – Mike Crews reported they installed tile at the North (Office) entrance and the room between the Music Center and Sanctuary. They also painted the North wall in the Fellowship Hall. The front façade, facing Broadway, will be cleaned on August 22nd and they will paint the soffit underneath the covered entryway that day too. Future plans include bids to install a shower in the CLC bathrooms and the Sanctuary skylight flashing. They are comparing options to repair, replace or eliminate the skylight in the Sanctuary based on its poor condition. An engineer will attend the October 17th property meeting to help prioritize concerns that need to be addressed. The next Property Workday is October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Children and Youth – Belinda Davis reported average attendance for Summer Pathways (K thru 5th) was 15. From paleontology to pottery, fitness to carpentry and more, children have had fun getting hands on with the gifts that a variety of BCC members have shared. They plan to continue this program next year. The average attendance in Worship & Wonder (20 mos. to pre-K) was 10. This year Vacation Bible School had 73 attendees, age 3 to completion of 4th grade. Belinda thanked everyone who volunteered and reported a \$1,048 donation was given to the Columbia Public Schools Planetarium. Astronaut Jesus T-shirts are available to those interested. Regarding future plans, they are collecting and updating current information for families served by Children's Ministries. For Pathways, they are updating room names to more clearly communicate their purpose. They are updating small group names to reinforce biblical city names and allowing for flexibility of group compensation. They are seeking volunteers for guides, teachers, and facilitators as it takes over 20 volunteers for each 4 to 6 week commitment. They are also introducing Kinderpath on Saturday, August 20th to incoming kindergartners moving from Worship & Wonder to Pathways. During worship on Sunday, August 21st, incoming kindergartners will be presented storybook bibles to mark a new rite of passage.

Children and Youth – Eric Lybeck-Brown reported the 2016 Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA was a huge success. The largest group ever consisted of 34 volunteers who served 9 different elderly home owners with home repairs. He thanked Don and Joyce Harter for their donation that purchased beignets for the team's night out. He also reported Terry Overfelt led another amazing group of 9 Middle School and High School students on the VBS Drama Team, a highlight of the event. He also recognized the many others who served as Junior Group leaders, Teachers Aids and general help. The Regional Camp Season was also a success. He acknowledged donations of Shakespeare's cups as well as letters and cards from congregation members. Fourteen Middle and High Schoolers attended Chi Rho (6th – 7th), God and Sex Camp (8th), and CYF (9 – 12th). Covenant Point and Jo-Ota were served as excellent locations. Regarding future plans, the Summer Send Off is at Mulberry Grill in Rochepoint on August 20th. Bruce and Janice Henson are graciously donating wood fired pizzas to feed the students for the second straight year. The event will include pizza, games, fellowship, interest groups and campfire worship from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Youth Car Wash is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will overlap with the Ice Cream Social again this year. Last year they raised \$1,500 for Boys and Girls Retreats and they're looking for support again this year. On August 24th, Wednesday Night Live begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Middle School and High School students will split between 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. except worship nights. Eric finished by reminding us that Fall Sunday School kicks off on August 28th. Middle School (6–8th) will meet downstairs in the Loft, with High School (9-12th) upstairs.

Discipleship –Patsy Dalton reported the CareLink Service Chairs met on August 11th. Before the next board meeting, they plan to announce the next CareLink Service, "Handy Helpers" for people who need assistance on a one time basis. They are also seeking volunteers to do the work. She added that the Prayer Shawl Ministry may also be adopted by the CareLink Ministries this year as it fits well with their mission.

One Read Series Report – Deb Ward was asked to report on the Good & Beautiful Series, a series of 3 books selected as a "one read" for our church. She suggested the series did a good job laying out, in a simple and easy to read format, what it means to be a Disciple of Christ. An introductory session is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour on September 11th. She encouraged Sunday School Classes, Small Groups and anyone else who was interested to participate as the material will be used for sermons throughout the year and likely lead to a convergence of ideas.

Rich Church Poor Church Book Report – Leslie Clay announced the Executive Committee recently read this book at her request and she asked Sandy Henderson to provide a brief summary of its content. Sandy mentioned the author recommended less focus on financial details and more focus on congregational accomplishments. Leslie then held up the Voluntary Action Award that Broadway Christian Church was awarded. She asked the group how many even knew we earned the reward. She then rolled out a runner, filled with the church's accomplishments. Board members were asked to gather round, peruse the list and add even more. She ended by proclaiming, "We are on a roll!"

Financial Report: Martha Head reviewed the Financial Reports attached to these minutes. She summarized things are in good shape for the first month of the new budget year.

Membership Report: Ingrid Luckenbill reported we had no new members and 2 losses due to death. We currently have 798 active members with a total of 1301 members on the books.

Executive Committee Report: Leslie Clay recounted the many projects the Executive Committee evaluated for presentation to the board this month. Some, like the brochure project and text giving, have already been presented. Upcoming topics include the unexpended net activity distribution and permanent funds revision. She next referred to the recent board orientation and suggested next year's president John Poehlmann would rely on feedback to determine what we do next year. Leslie also mentioned she was working on a conflict of interest policy for board members and staff that would likely be presented at a later meeting for consideration. Plans are underway to form a committee to begin fund raising for the bus. She also appointed Sara Miller, Brent Ghan and David Hammer to the By-Laws Committee.

Action Items

Permanent Funds Committee: Debbie Fisher reminded us permanent funds are meant to provide for ministry items over and above the budget. They are not meant to be used for budget items. She recognized and thanked her committee, stating they made sure to maintain the original intent of the program. Following her presentation, Tina Windett moved we accept the revised guidelines and Ron Marshall seconded her motion. Leslie Clay called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

Year End Unexpended Net Activity Distribution: Martha Head presented the following recommendations submitted by the executive committee that are in keeping with our 2020 Vision. Nick Larson and Leslie Clay also provided details on several issues. The proposed items totaled \$50,272.36 and were described as follows.

Tech Position Transition allows \$1,000 for additional salaries as we transition from Michael Tatum to a new technician.
Marquee Sign: \$12,000 to fund part of the multi-year proposal the Front Porch committee will present at a future meeting.
Bus Contingency Fund: \$8,000 for maintenance and expenses associated with owning a bus (not for its purchase).
Root N' Blues: \$12,000 for a 2 year commitment for BCC publicity as principal sponsor of the Gospel events.
Youth Ministry Intern Program: \$6,522.36 to supplement the existing salary of a Youth Asst. should we choose to apply for an intern through the Seminary Masters Program. This is a 3 year commitment, requiring board approval in advance.
Board Orientation: \$750.00 for a consultant to present customized best practices at our board orientation meeting.
Reserve Fund: \$10,000 to place in a Temporary Restricted Account under Administration (8998 Prior Years Net Activity)

Clarifications were made in the discussion that followed. The salary budget is already in place for the tech position, but the extra funds will provide for dual salaries during the training process. The Board Orientation funds have already been spent as has the first year of the Root's N' Blues Awareness Commitment. The Marquee Sign is the first item on the Front Door Committee's wish list. The funds simply be set aside pending board approval of the project. The Bus Contingency Fund, Youth Ministry Intern Program and Reserve Fund entries will also require board approval before anything is disbursed.

Eric Lybeck Brown moved we approve the distribution as outlined and Marilyn McCreary seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

Pastoral-Congregational Relations Committee: Leslie Clay rescheduled this topic for the October Board Meeting so Committee Chair Dana Fritz could present the proposal and answer any questions that arose.

Ministers Remarks

Nick Larson thanked the adult participants for their support in making this the largest mission trip ever with 34 attendees. He also recognized Kahlea Wilson and mentioned this trip had the least amount of drama of any in his tenure. He also thanked the board for approving the additional monies that made it possible for 7 Kindergartners to receive easy read bibles this Sunday.

Terry Overfelt thanked Aimee and Emily for their work on Vacation Bible School. While attendance was lower, there was great energy. She also thanked Marilyn McCreary and the Connections Committee for the send-off of Beverly Kyriakos last Sunday. Terry ended by thanking the MOM Committee for approving one year of babysitting funds for Wednesday night's choir practices. It will truly make a difference.

Tim Carson also recognized Beverly and Charlie Kyriakos for their years of service. He mentioned how special it was to see Beverly joined by the Laniers, Frosts and Carsons, since her tenure spanned each pastor's time at Broadway Christian Church. Tim announced that the search committee headed by Kristen Meade and Nollie Moore have selected an organist. Deborah Carr will begin her new role this Sunday. Since retiring with distinction from the University of Missouri and the College of Education, Deb has served on the staff of three churches in our community as Organist and Director of Youth and Hand Bell Choirs. Her husband, Rev. Ed Rollins, is the Associate Minister and Director of Music at First Baptist Church of Columbia.

Closing Comments and Prayer: In keeping with information presented in Rich Church Poor Church, Leslie Clay's enthusiastic final comment was, "We're a Rich Church!"

Following a closing prayer by Tim Carson, she adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Henderson
Board Secretary