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

## BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2021

**Present** –19 Board Members, 3 Staff.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Wayne Dykstra opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **Information Items**

A. Priority Action Plan Update—Mark Briley

In Mark's absence John DeLaporte and Terry Overfelt reported that leaders have been identified for the six action plans, and 48 people have accepted positions on the teams. Sermons have been highlighting one plan per week. Leaders will meet to check in on their progress on December 1.

They also shared that in light of Aimee McBride's resignation as Children's Ministry Coordinator, Children's Ministry Assistant Kate Stecklein will be serving as Coordinator.

#### **MINISTRY AREAS**

A. **Children's Ministry**—submitted by Kate Stecklein and LeAnn Skinner

- Pathways has had good attendance in the outside worship area. Worship and Wonder have been joining us after an initial opening of their own in the garden. We finished up a unit on Abram and Sarah, and started a unit on Moses and his sister.
- We are working on making the Cinema room Zoom room! Purchasing some equipment to make Sunday school accessible to everyone when we move inside.
- Bible Workshop for our 4th graders was at the end of September. We had four families. It was a beautiful day and there was great engagement.
- Trunk or Treat is set for October 24th. We will move inside if the rains come; currently about 16 families have signed up for trunks. Faith Formation met to discuss Christmas and winter programming. • Youth and Children will team up for a Movie Night on November 19th, in the CLC. We will have a double feature and activities. Charlie Brown is our theme.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- The Christmas program this year will be "A Christmas Melody". We are working out details, and waiting for participant feedback.
- We will keep with tradition and offer a Christmas story with coordinating ornament on Christmas Eve. This will be a small synopsis during church service, and the full presentation of the story available live on Zoom, or recorded on the website.
- We continue to communicate with AGC to make sure we are supporting their needs. Currently we do not have active participants in the children's programming age range during pathways.

**B. Youth**--submitted by Linda Wycoff

- Youth took a trip to the corn maze.
- Youth group met for outdoor worship in September
- August had fall kickoff event and invited the whole church
- A movie night was held monthly for youth.
- Good Egg Breakfast had 8 of 10 freshmen participating. A small group was formed to meet monthly to support during this transition time.
- A whole church trivia night was held.
- A Youth ensemble is forming to prepare specials to sing through the school year.
- Sunday school is meeting regularly (pumpkin carving and decorating Oct. 24!!!)

**FUTURE PLANS**

- Nov. 19 youth will host a church wide movie night to watch Charlie Brown movies and have activities.
- There will be an opportunity for teens to prep and serve a meal for Loaves and Fishes on Oct. 30.

**C. AGC** --reported by LeaAnn Lowery.

- All God's Children continues with virtual sessions for now.
- We are looking for ways to engage the older participants.

**D. Deacons**—submitted by Chris Meade and Ryan Grueber

- The Deacons are doing well.
- We technically are a couple Deacons short, however, with our current attendance we have been able to successfully handle the needs of our congregation, during our services. We will keep a close watch on this and make adjustments as necessary.
- Once we are on the other side of the pandemic, we will re-evaluate as well.

**E. Discipleship**--submitted by Michelle Marshall

- The Fall Trimester Kicked off in September and is going strong. Over 20 small groups, study groups, and Sunday School classes continue to thrive, engaging hundreds of our members.
- Dozens of visitors, prospective and new members have attended our monthly Broad Welcome nights since August, and around 12 new and prospective members went through our Disciples 101/Broadway 201 courses this trimester.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- A Broadway Advent devotional is under consideration. A potential Sunday morning Advent prayer group is a goal for the upcoming months.
- New group ideas, leader, and courses continue to take shape as we move through the fall semester and prepare to launch new additions in the winter trimester.

**CareLink**—submitted by Patsy Dalton

- CareLink ministries continue to provide care for our Broadway families through 12 different ministries.
- Just last week the Prayer Ministry held a gathering to discuss how that ministry is working and whether there need to be any changes. They asked those who attended if they had ideas for improvement or additional services and received some wonderful ideas.
- We're happy to have the flower ministry up and running again after the initial COVID shutdown. And that's true of other ministries too like casseroles and shawls. Rides to Church, the newest ministry, is available and we remind people in the Broadway weekly and monthly.
- Handy Helpers has continued to respond to requests for help with household challenges. Of course the card ministry and the calls of concern group have been functioning all along.
- We are so thankful for the new volunteers who have joined some of our ministries. They add new energy and joy to our existing groups. And this is a terrific way to involve new members since it gives people a chance to meet and work with others from day one.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- We are still limited regarding in-person activities and hope to get more of that going after the first of the year for sure. If you have ideas you would like to share or if you ever know of someone who could benefit from a meal, a call or any other CareLink ministry, please call Patsy Dalton, 356-6036, or Linda Poehlmann. Ingrid is the main person we identify who knows of needs and who keeps us all informed. And of course our ministers are responding and sharing their knowledge of needs regularly

#### **F. Elders**—Jim Dunne

- The elders met this evening in their large circle before the Board meeting.
- We are considering the best way to manage home communion.
- We are particularly concerned about reaching those in memory care units.

#### **F. Fellowship Ministry**—submitted by Jennifer Read (chair) and Cheryl Shigaki

- Ice Cream Social: We provided pre-packaged ice cream treats and assistance. We will be utilizing the left over ice cream treats for a future event.
- Thank You Party for Deb Carr on September 26: Fellowship committee provided party set up, decorations, flowers, coffee, punch, and tableware.
- Fellowship Committee Celebration and First Meeting of the Year: We celebrated those who have served before and welcomed all new members. Pastor John DeLaporte gave an excellent talk on fellowship. Copies of Broadways vision plan were handed out, and we discussed Vision Action Team #2 and the Fellowship committee is onboard and will gladly assist in any way.
- Many ideas have been submitted and we are hopefully going to discuss and try to incorporate them into the calendar for the coming year. The ideas are still coming in but here are a few: Christmas Cookie Exchange, Birthday cake celebration, talent show, and Bunco.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- Truck or Treat: We will assist in providing candy and assistance in any way possible. We have been advised that there will be no tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches this year due to COVID restriction.
- Christmas Cookie Exchange: People can exchange Christmas cookies, and we will have premade sugar and gingerbread cookies to decorate, and maybe a few tips given by an expert cookie decorator. We will be setting a date soon which most likely will be around the first week in December.

- Children Sunday Performance on December 12th: Fellowship committee will be providing a chili and cornbread muffin meal.
- Goodie Sunday and the Christmas Eve Luncheon are in the planning phase.
- Upon consensus of the Board, the snack cart will be continued

**H. MOM**--submitted by Wayne Dykstra and Janice Henson

- A crew of volunteers from Broadway and the community distributed food from the Mobile food Bank to 104 Families on September 22.
- Broadway gave approximately \$2,100 to the Crop Walk.
- Twenty-four people from Broadway and the Community went to The Auschwitz Museum and The Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City last week Signups for Families from The V.A.C. began Sunday.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- We will be working at the Mobile Food Bank again on October 27th .
- We are signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army during December at our usual location in the Broadway HyVee. A signup will follow soon.
- Broadway will provide a meal at Loaves and Fishes on Saturday October 30th. We have committed to provide meals on those months that have a fifth Saturday.
- First Baptist Church is planning to bring the author of White Too Long to Columbia next spring. Studies of that book will precede his arrival.
- We are in the planning stages of sending a group of adults to El Salvador in early Summer of 2022.
- Broadway, Fairview United Methodist, Missouri United Methodist and others will serve as hosts for Room at The Inn this winter.

**H. Resources-Permanent Funds**—submitted by Phil Fichter

- Our funds continue do well, following market trends. To date there have been no requests for funds.

**J. Resources-Property**--submitted by Ken Welty

- 15 cubic yards of topsoil was spread and leveled along walkway to outdoor worship area.
- Stairs and curbs were striped to make them more noticeable.
- Currently two of the oldest furnaces and A/C units in the fellowship Hall are being replaced.
- Last Saturday six people worked on yard cleanup.
- The handrail on the Outdoor Worship steps has been removed for repair of some cracks.
- Parking lot lines have been painted.

**K. Worship Ministry**—submitted by Jan Farr

- Our first meeting of the 2021-22 year was held October 19.
- Pastor Mark gave us an update on the organist search.
- We discussed expanding the job description of the service representatives to include the possibility of assisting and mentoring visitors on Sunday mornings. There was also much discussion on how to have a service rep for online attendance, and maybe a tutorial for first-time watchers.

- Dates were given for decorating the church for Advent, and the need for volunteers. Vickie Keeling-Wallace will discuss how to volunteer.
- Pastor Terry explained the theme for Advent services and activities.
- We discussed numbers in attendance versus numbers watching online, as well as the possibility of having the sign-in books again, possible methods for taking online attendance, and alternatives to the disposable communion cups as COVID concerns decrease.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Bios & photos of service reps for Broadway Life.
- Review and possibly revise service representatives job description.
- Procure volunteers to help prepare the church for Advent.
- Look into feasibility of restoring some of our worship practices as COVID concerns decrease.
- Vickie Keeling-Wallace will coordinate decorating for Christmas.

#### **Personnel Committee—Deb Ward**

- Filling vacancies on committee with new members.
- Plan for organist role is to fill with interims through Christmas.
- Upon the resignation of Aimee McBride as Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Kate Stecklein, Children’s Assistant, is temporarily taking on extra hours to help fill role of director of children’s ministry.
- Plan to meet with the committee in November.
- Plan to search for new organist for after the holidays. Plan to fill vacant position in early 2022.

#### **Membership Report -Ingrid Luckenbill**

Ingrid reported that the current total membership is 667 with 615 of those being active.

#### **Financial Report-Ingrid Luckenbill and Martha Head**

Martha reported that things are going along pretty well.

The current year net activity at the end of September was \$4,018.01.

#### **Executive Committee Report—David Holmes**

The Executive Committee reviewed the progress on the Action Teams.

#### **Action Items**

A. New Vice-Chair for MOM – Jan Jones (Janice Henson stepping down)

Wayne Dykstra moved that Jan Jones be accepted as the vice-chair of MOM. Jim Granneman second the motion. The motion carried.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **Minister’s Remarks**

**John DeLaporte** is happy to see that new people are engaging in groups and in Disciples 101/Broadway 102.

He is humbled and inspired by being in a church that is taking on projects that many churches would not do. It is inspiring and hopeful that we are putting vision into action, and those actions are practical and doable.

**Terry Overfelt** reported that the Advent theme will be Right Here, Right Now. They will be using liturgical texts. That means we will be focusing on the same texts that many other churches will be using at the same time. Advent begins November 28. The traditional Advent weeks of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, will be observed. There are opportunities for musicians. One Sunday in December will be for children. All will be masked. We just need an organist.

### **Closing Comments and Prayer**

David Holmes echoed John's sentiment that he is happy for a church that takes on projects that many churches avoid.

The meeting closed with prayer by LeAnn Skinner.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary