

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

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020

Present –22 Board Members, 3 Staff; meeting remotely by Zoom.

Opening Prayer

Deb Ward opened the meeting with prayer.

Information Items

A. Vision Process Update-Deb Ward and Mark Briley

They are seeking spiritual alignment and expect to have something to present soon. The target had been Thanksgiving and they expect to be on target. They will take a break during Advent and in January will expect to start moving forward with action.

B. Moving Forward with COVID 19-Mark Briley

The COVID team has a plan for in person worship in the CLC beginning on the first Sunday of November. Mark expressed appreciation for their work in coordinating with the health department, and especially to Steve Westgate for measuring the spacing of the seating in compliance with health department guidelines.

On line worship will continue. Mark commented that Christians have gathered to worship in many unique ways, and we continue to find creative ways to do that.

For Advent they may try some different ways to observe the season, some of which may be more traditional.

MINISTRY AREAS

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

- Pathways launched Virtual Sunday School class on October 3. In preparation for this opportunity families signed up for at-home Sunday school kits that were delivered to their home. These kits included several activities that are led by Aimee on Sunday morning and several that can be done with the assistance of parents. Thirty Sunday school kits were distributed. On average, Aimee sees 12-14 students on Sunday mornings. Our current unit is focused on the Lord's Prayer and prayer overall. We look forward to beginning our Christmas unit in mid-November.
- In lieu of Trunk or Treat, Children's Ministries gave families the option to sign up and be Boo-ed as well as participate in a virtual costume parade on October 25. Families who signed up were "surprised" with Halloween Treat bags for each child in the house, a poster that said "You have been boo-ed by your friends at Broadway Christian Church and a "BOO" yard sign donated by Yard Love Columbia. Approximately 20 families signed up to be Boo-ed and a dozen of those families signed up to BOO 36 more family and friends in their neighborhood. In total we will have reached 56 families

and gifted 115 treat bags. Huge thank you to Yard Love Columbia for the yard signs and Cheryl Shigaki and Jennifer Reed from Fellowship Committee for helping us BOO!



FUTURE PLANS

- Children's Ministries is making plans for a virtual Children's Pageant. We are asking families to volunteer to take pictures of themselves in assigned scenes from the Christmas story. The pictures will be used to help illustrate our 4th and 5th grade students who will be narrating the Christmas story. Huge thank you to Taby for her willingness to help assemble the pictures and narrations into a video presentation.
- Children's ministries currently have no plans to begin in-person activities. After surveying our families, the priority for most families is making sure that children are able to return to and continue in-person school during the week while limiting other risk of exposure. We will continue to survey families regularly to determine how best to serve the needs of our families during these unique times.

B. Youth--submitted by Linda Wycoff

- Eight enthusiastic freshmen clad in bright blue t-shirts showed up for Good Egg Sunday on September 20.
- Youth are currently participating in regularly scheduled meetings and game nights via Zoom.
- Sunday School has just begun virtually for high school students.

FUTURE PLANS

- Regular Youth Nights will continue and Game Nights will possibly be held in person in the near future.
- Youth Make A Difference Day is planned in November.
- Sunday School will begin virtually for middle school students soon.
- Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry are collaborating to assist with the Christmas Pageant by singing and recording Christmas Carols.
- John DeLaporte will join Broadway Christian Church as Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation later this month.

C. Deacons—Submitted by Sam Wright

- Nothing new to report. Although the traditional Deacon functions are not needed at this time, they are willing to help in any way they are needed in the current conditions.

D. Discipleship—submitted by Michelle Marshall

- Discipleship is still in a holding pattern.

- A guide to sermons is available on the website.

CareLink--submitted by Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

- By now you all know that we are so happy to add an 11th CareLink ministry--Prayer Ministry. Dixie Fisher and Cheryl Moore co-chair this vital ministry, and we love having them and their growing prayer team. It keeps us busy adding the names.
- They have a wonderful way of letting all their team know on Tuesday of the people/causes/issues/requests/worries and concerns that will be prayed for in their group prayer session on Wednesday morning. They have been meeting in the outdoor worship area but now that it's cold they are going to move into Cheryl's large home area for in-person prayer sessions. For those who would still like to stay in their homes instead, they can join in prayer at the exact same time each Wednesday that the whole group prays together.
- For sure, the prayer ministry would love to have more new members so please spread the word.
- Of course, the CareLink ministry program of "church family caring for church family" is still in high gear. If you ever know of someone who could use a boost or who needs to know that their church family is walking the path right alongside of them, please let Patsy Dalton or Linda Poehlmann know the details.
- During this time of separation it sure is a challenge to keep us all together in spirit and in caring for one another.

FUTURE PLANS

- Who knows? We fully intend to assist the worship committee that is working on plans for Advent in creating new ways for all of us to inter-connect. We hope by working together we can add a special warmth to the season. But if any of you have ideas of additional ways that CareLink can serve our church family please let Patsy or Linda know. We're all striving to keep our own families going and we're all trying to help others in our nation and in our community. It's a real challenge but we're all up to it. If not us, then who?

E. Elders—submitted by Robin Person

- Elders continue to meet in the Elders Circle before the Board meetings.
- Elders are will to help in any way they can.

FUTURE PLANS

- Elders will be preparing daily devotionals for Advent. They will be distributed daily through email and also printed for those that prefer a booklet.

F. Fellowship Ministry—submitted by Cheryl Shigaki (Chair) & Jennifer Reed

- August: Fellowship committee handed out ice cream sandwiches at the “Ice Cream Socially Distanced” event, in conjunction with the Backpack Blessing drive-thru event.
- September: Fellowship Committee assisted the BCC staff with Debby Graham’s retirement drive-thru event.
- October: Fellowship Committee is assisting Children’s Ministries in delivering goodie bags and yard signs to families of BCC, in-lieu of Trunk-or-treat.
- We will remain available to assist with any upcoming church fellowship events.

QUESTIONS FOR OR REQUESTED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD

- How can we help you?

G. MOM—submitted by Wayne Dykstra and Janice Henson

- Community Garden Expansion will begin in a couple of weeks._
- A plaque is being placed to mark the site of the James Scott lynching on Stewart Road.
- The Money for the Crop walk was brought to the church. The money has not been counted.
- The Room at the Inn will be headed by the Unitarian Church this year. The Eastwood Hotel will lease 40 rooms (Pending final approval) for high risk and women clients from December 13th to March 14th.
- There will be no Warm up Missouri this year, due to COVID concerns.
- The tree of Hope will start on December 7th.

FUTURE PLANS

- The Habitat sale will be held on April 10th or June 5th.
- We are in the planning stages of developing a “mini” food pantry.
- Possibilities for our adult mission trip were discussed.

H. Resources-Financial—Phil Fichter

- Investments are tracking well with the market.
- No requests for funds have been received to date.

I. Property—submitted by Ken Welty

- Approved Maintenance Contract with J. Louis Crum for bi-annual maintenance of all furnaces and A/C units (total of 20 units).
- Okayed bid from Paul Martin for coating three EPDM roof areas and walls. (music center).
- Had an annual BMP inspection and maintenance by Sam Wright.
- Received two bids to repair bridge/stairs in outdoor worship area. Decided to hold off to get a bid to pour concrete instead.
- Installation of new furnace unit in carousel wing

FUTURE PLANS

- Property workday sometime in November.

J. Worship Ministry—Mary Cunningham

- Zoom meeting Oct 19, 2020.
- Discussed plans for moving worship indoors CLC beginning November 1.
- Plans for advent.
- Weekly themes during advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love.
- Discussed creation of advent daily devotion/meditation.
- Distribution via daily email using Contagious Love as example.

- Hardcopy of Advent readings to those without internet access.
- Discussed developing partnerships with home bound/isolated and members to share devotional/create community.
- Youth Sunday December 13, 2020.
- Discussed ideas for Christmas eve. (IE Virtual service followed by gathering in parking lot to sing with candlelight. Abbreviated Nativity scene.

FUTURE PLANS

- They are seeking ways to partner with CareLink for services to home bound members

Membership Report -Ingrid Luckenbill

Ingrid reported that for October we have a total membership of 661 with 603 active members.

Financial Report-Ingrid Luckenbill

The September numbers are looking good. Pledged giving is a bit ahead of expected. MOM commitments of \$8,100 were paid. Not all ministries are spending at the usual rate.

Executive Committee Report—Deb Ward

The most recent action of the Executive Committee was to approve the new positions.

We are glad to welcome Terry back from her sabbatical.

Action Items

No action items this month.

New Business

There was no new business.

Minister's Remarks

Mark Briley commented that in the spirit of Paul's exhortation to "pray without ceasing", we have been in and out of each other's lives by engaging through Zoom.

He also mentioned that our church will be a polling place for the November election.

Jenny and Emma McGee and another mother daughter team are preparing an Advent calendar art piece that reflects some aspects of life for our Enlace partners.

Terry Overfelt commented that Children and Youth Ministries is sending the Enlace art piece to families with children. Other families can have an option to purchase them for themselves or as a gift to another.

Closing Comments and Prayer

David Holmes closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary