

*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 AGENDA
December 10, 2019

Present –**21 Board Members, 3 Guests, 4 Staff.**

Opening Prayer

Steve Westgate opened the meeting with prayer.

Information Item

At the invitation of First Baptist Church, Broadway will co-sponsor a seminar titled *The Bible and Transgender Christians*. It will be led by Austen Hartke, an Old Testament theologian who is also transgender. The seminar begins with a worship service on Friday evening, with seminars to follow on Saturday.

Friday, February 21

6:30 pm LGBTQ+ Pride Worship Service

7:00 pm Austen Hartke *The Bible and Transgender Christians Seminar*

Saturday, February 22 (Saturday could be ally training or something else. Take a look at Austen's website.

10:00 to Noon ? Austen offers a number of different seminars, which are listed on his website.

<http://austenhartke.com/speaking>

It is noted that this seminar is for persons of any gender, allies, or anyone with interest or questions.

Ministry Area Reports

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

Pathways has enjoyed regular attendance between 24-28 for the last several month. Our current unit is "In the Manger." We have focused on what the true meaning behind gifts are and how we can be better gifters/givers.

Worship and Wonder had a regular attendance of 4-8. Chuck Davis and Claire Willard continue to serve as our primary classroom leaders with Shawna Schulte and Dennis and Heather Blust providing regular support as well.

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) met in October in a combined event with Youth. We trekked out to the Southfarm corn maze and enjoyed an afternoon spent running around the maze in as many ways as we could think of. JYF is on hiatus for the month of December and will resume regular gatherings in January.

Trunk of Treat & Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup dinner was held October 27. We handed candy out from 21 trunks to over 200 children. The meal served over 120 Grilled cheese sandwiches to at least 100 hungry patrons. Huge thank you to the Fellowship Committee for volunteering as our kitchen crew this year. It made a huge difference in the smoothness and success of the meal!

Christmas Pageant will be held on December 15 at the 9:00 & 11:15 service. We have 24 children from 4 years to 5th Grade in the Pageant with 6 participating in the youth support choir. Kay Cook and Ryan and Kimberly Kenney are working hard as our co-directors to get the children ready and we are so thankful for their talents.

Family Advent Party will be held during the Sunday school hour in lieu of Pathways and Worship and Wonder. This event is only successful with parent participation as we will have 4-5 crafts set up and several games that are self-led.

The children's Ministries Assistant job was posted two weeks ago. We have not had many qualified

applicants apply, but we are praying that the right person will respond soon. The position is for 15 hours a week, with flexible scheduling. Qualified applicants should have a strong sense of organization, The ability to work independently with direction, and be comfortable leading a Sunday school classroom. If you know of anyone that we should consider, please encourage them to apply and let Aimee know.

Debbie Rauch's final days as Children's Ministry Assistant will be December 22. We cannot say a big enough thank you to her for everything she has helped Children's Ministries accomplish in her two years of serving.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Third Grade Bible Workshop will be held on January 25 with Bible presentation on January 26. We have eight third graders that will be invited to participate.

Baptism luncheon will take Place February 23. We are currently seeking mentors for Dane Briley, Jameson Flaherty, Lila Morris, Eli Weaver, Tyce Warne Griggs, Parker Wiegand, and Ellie Zaner. To serve as a mentor we are seeking someone who has a strong connection with the church and is willing to be a friend to their baptism candidate. Mentors do not need to have all the answers, they just need a willingness to help explore the questions that their candidate might pose. If interested in being considered, or if you know of someone who might be, please let Aimee McBride know

B. Youth Ministry-- submitted by Linda Wycoff

Nov. 9 Youth Make a Difference Day – went to four homes for raking leaves and lawn care.

Nov. 17 Gifts for Tree of Hope for Coyote Hill Children's Home.

Dec. 1 Youth Party – great fun making gingerbread houses, wrapping paper fashion show, and playing games.

Several Youth attended Installation Service.

Regularly scheduled movie nights have been well attended.

Game nights had consistent attendance.

Middle Schools Sunday School had significant attendance increase and high school had an overall increase this semester.

FUTURE PLANS

Dec. 15 Caroling in care homes and possibly for some homebound.

Practice and preparation for Youth Sunday will begin on Jan. 12.

Calendar for second semester coming soon.

C. Deacons – James Zaner, Sam Wright

Sometimes the eleven o'clock service does not have enough communion prepared. Prep Deacons should be alerted.

D. Discipleship – Adult Ed/Small Groups--Michelle Marshall

No report.

D. Discipleship – CareLink submitted by Patsy Dalton

CareLink has been super busy with so many of our church family in the hospitals or needing extra services such as cards, flowers, calls of concern, visits, and casseroles especially. Even the Handy Helpers had a busier month than usual. We continue to back up the ministers as they visit church family and let us know of specific needs.

We had two training sessions recently, one for the casserole group and one for calls of concern. These are terrific opportunities to get feedback from our volunteers.

We thank Deb Ward for providing us with Advent Devotions which we use as “leave behinds” as we visit or encounter those who need a boost.

Still need some more flower volunteers. This is a rewarding ministry as you are always greeted at the door warmly when you’re carrying flowers.

We’ve been getting more and more “mail” recently which we have been printing in the CareLink page in Broadway Life.

FUTURE PLANS.

Feel free to let us know if there is a new church member who needs to be recruited for CareLink.

E. Elders—submitted by Brent Ghan

Elders participated in Blue Christmas Service on December 3.

F. Fellowship – submitted by Dixie Fisher, Cheryl Shigaki

Reception following Mark Briley’s Installation service, Sunday Nov 3rd, at 4:00 pm, was well-attended.

Our special appreciation to: Karen Rawlings & Cyd Coil, for helping to organize and all of the volunteers who helped decorate, serve, and clean up.

FUTURE PLANS

Advent “Goodie Sunday” will be December 15. Requests for help have been advertised in the Broadway Life and Broadway Weekly. Help and more cookies still needed.

We are planning to serve a simple lunch on Christmas Eve. Additional soup is needed. More news and opportunity to volunteer to come.

No events planned for January due to BCC hosting RATI.

G. MOM – submitted by Wayne Dykstra

The SERV sale is ongoing for one more Sunday in December. There was a blood drive December 5.

H. Resources – Financial—Permanent Funds submitted by Rebecca Gingerich

Committee met on November 18 and voted to distribute \$1,000 for the purchase of new Christmas celebrations banners, as requested by Terry. A request was also submitted by Nick for \$1,115 for original artwork by Jenny McGee featuring Broadway Christian Church, including one framed poster and 20 prints. That distribution was also approved by the committee.

I. Resources – Property submitted by Mike Crews

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Property Workday. It was a great turnout!

Thankless On-Demand Water Heater was installed in the CLC.

Automated Door System upgraded.

Visit to Missouri United Methodist Church to look at their HVAC Controls System.

Future: Commercial assessment of property adjacent to bank.

HVAC Control System. This has been tabled for the time being due to cost.

Conclusion of lighting assessment by Alan Forbis.

Next meeting – January 13

J. Worship ---submitted by Mary Cunningham and Lynelle Phillips

Mary expressed appreciation to Vicky Keeling-Wallace for the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary. The Board representative for worship for each service will be listed in the bulletin.

Carol Sulltrop was approved as an additional member of the committee.

Membership Report

Ingrid reported the total membership is 672, with 599 being active. As noted last month, some members who had become inactive have begun attending again and are now counted as active once again.

Financial Report

Printed financial reports were submitted with net current activity of \$27,421.17 noted for November.

Executive Committee Report –Steve Westgate

Steve reiterated the need for additional staff in the Children’s Ministry area.

A committee dealing with the use of the sanctuary and musical instruments has been appointed and is drafting a policy.

Concerns with the current vans are under considerations.

We are co-sponsoring with First Baptist a seminar on transgender issues.

Action Items

Steve presented his Nominating Committee candidates:

Nancy Fuchs, Cinda Eichler, Wanda Gebhardt, Ellen Flottman. Don Day, Ryan Kenney, Jim Dunne, Jan Jones, and one more to be named later.

Jan Farr moved that they be approved. LeAnn Sapp seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Eric Lybeck-Brown distributed a Safe Conduct Policy that has been under revision for several months.

The Board is requested to review the document before the next Board meeting where it will be presented for approval.

New Business—There was no new business

Minister’s Remarks

Nick Larson reported that Tyrell Carter, author of *Healing Racial Divides*, will by present the afternoon of February 2 to initiate the study of his book and the continuing conversations which have adopted the name Race Forward. He will return May 3 at the expected close of the study.

Terry Overfelt noted that Ed Varnum, leader of the 8 o’clock service, is writing a song for each part of Advent.

December 22 Maria Trevor will participate in worship with her harp.

December 24, there will be three services. The 11 o’clock service has been named Daylight. The 5:30 service will feature the Contemporary ensemble and include a children’s story. The 8 o’clock service will be more traditional and feature the choir.

Mark Briley declared the theme “Hear Ye, Hear Ye” is a good one for us to consider as we look to the Christmas season and beyond to our ministry going forward.

Closing Comments and Prayer Steve Westgate expressed appreciation to all present for their leadership Deb Ward closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary