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

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2017

In attendance: 21 Board Members, 5 Staff, 3 Guests

Opening Prayer –offered by Leslie Clay

Information Items

Ministry Area Reports

A. Fellowship – Marilyn McCreary, Nancy Miller -The Connections Committee will coordinate the “Goodies Sunday” on December 10th and the Christmas Eve Soup and Sandwich luncheon on December 24th. Dixie Fisher will be in charge of the luncheon. A sign-up sheet for soups has been sent out by Debbie Graham. This Winter and Spring we will continue the Chili Cook off, Dinners for Eight, Women’s Spring Brunch

B. Worship – Kristen Meade, Leanna Garrison - THE ADVENT SEASON KICKED OFF ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND WITH THE BLESSING OF THE GREENS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE DECORATING. THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED DURING THE 9:00 AND 11:15 WORSHIP SERVICES ON DECEMBER 10TH. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED, AND ESPECIALLY TO KATHY CARSON AND KAY COOK FOR DIRECTING THE PLAY. SINCE CHRISTMAS EVE FALLS ON SUNDAY THIS YEAR, WE WILL FOLLOW OUR NORMAL CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE. SERVICES WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M., 5:30 P.M., 8:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE A SOUP LUNCHEON SERVED AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE. QUIET CHRISTMAS WITH ONE SERVICE WILL OCCUR ON DECEMBER 31ST AT 10:30 A.M. WITH THE TRADITION OF A STORY BEING TOLD DURING WORSHIP. NEXT WORSHIP TEAM MEETING TBD FOR BEGINNING OF 2018 TO DISCUSS THE LENTEN SEASON.

C. Elders – Cinda Eichler, Aaron Sapp- An Elder training was held Nov. 19 to discuss our duty to lead public prayer at worship services and other events. Elder Vice-Chair Aaron Sapp led a discussion regarding public or corporate prayer. There were six Elders in attendance for the session. Elders were also invited to submit devotionals for an advent prayer guide for the congregation. Six Elders participated in submitting devotionals. Nick Larson will be assembling the prayer guide. The next Elder training session will be scheduled for a date in February or March 2018.

D. Deacons – Seth Colaner, Todd Rauch- John mentioned that at the November Executive meeting Seth had suggested considering a reduction in 9:00 Deacons from 6 to 4. There was discussion on the possible reduction of the size of the Deacon pool and how it may affect rotation frequency for home communion and Lenoir service. Recommendations will be for consideration as the Nominating committee begins their recruitment.

E. Service – Don Day, Barbara McLay- Reconciliation grant book study continues to be developed, Developed sanctuary study proposal, Crop Hunger Walk was held, Mission trip, coffee sales have been held, Work of Our Hands/Festival of Sharing raised \$579, Coat drive was held for Warm Up Columbia, Voluntary Action Basket signup was held, SERVE sale Dec. 3 & 10, Room at the Inn has began, MOM’s catering served a meal for the Mid – America Ministry Program. Future Plans: Habitat Sale to be April 7, Considering a Habitat Build for a Burmese family.

F. Resources – Financial - Debbie Fisher- COMMITTEE MET ON NOV. 2ND AND VOTED TO DISTRIBUTE \$275 FROM LINE 8110 (MOM PERM FUND DISTRIBUTION) FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ADVENT SHORT FILM FROM THE SALT PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY NICK. A REQUEST WAS ALSO SUBMITTED BY TERRY ON BEHALF OF W&LA FOR PENTECOST BANNERS FOR \$3000, AND THAT DISTRIBUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. A PERMANENT FUNDS SEMINAR IS BEING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 10TH WITH KIRBY GOULD FACILITATING. WE HOPE TO HAVE A MORNING EVENT AND POSSIBLY AN EVENING EVENT
Debbie Fisher presented a motion to approve the Permanent Funds distribution, motion was Seconded by Marilyn McCreary; Motion passed

G. Resources – Property – Mike Crews- THE COMMITTEE MET MONDAY NOVEMBER 20. IT WAS DETERMINED ELECTRICAL ACCESS IN TO THE EAST PARKING LOT IS NO LONGER NEEDED. WE HAVE CONFIRMED ACTIVE ELECTRICAL ACCESS ALONG THE NORTH EDGE OF THE WEST PARKING LOT. THE BUSES WILL BE PARKED IN THE WEST PARKING LOT FOR ELECTRICAL ACCESS. WE HAD SUCCESSFUL FALL PROPERTY WORKDAYS SATURDAY OCT. 28 AND WEDNESDAY NOV. 1. NICK LAZECHKO WITH ENERGYLINK JOINED OUR NOVEMBER MEETING. THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED THE COMPANY TO

COMPLETE A PRO BONO AUDIT OF OUR ENERGY USAGE. HE WILL BE JOINING OUR JANUARY MEETING TO SHARE THE RESULTS. THE GUTTER ALONG THE NORTH WALL OF THE TERRACOTTA COURTYARD HAS BEEN REPLACED.

THE COMMITTEE DETERMINED FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE CLC SHOWER BID WERE NEEDED. OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY JANUARY 8TH AT 6:00 PM.

TOPICS: ENERGY AUDIT RESULTS, CLC SHOWER BID

H. Children and Youth – Rebecca Atkins- AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR PATHWAYS IS BETWEEN 28-34. WORSHIP AND WONDER HAS HAD A REGULAR ATTENDANCE BETWEEN 7&10, JYF (JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP) FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADERS MET THE SECOND OF NOVEMBER AND WENT SHOPPING FOR A VOLUNTARY ACTIONS CENTER BASKET. STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE CHALLENGE OF WORKING ON A LIMITED BUDGET STILL TRYING TO PURCHASE QUALITY AND QUANTITY. 5 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL WAS HELD DECEMBER 10. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF KAY COOK AND KATHY CARSON 30+ ELEMENTARY AGED STUDENTS CAME TOGETHER TO LEARN AN ORIGINAL PLAY IN UNDER SIX WEEKS. PERFORMANCES WERE HELD AT THE 9:00 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES. THIS YEAR REHEARSAL WAS HELD AT 1:00P.M. AND LUNCH WAS PROVIDED FOR PERFORMERS BETWEEN THE END OF SERVICE AND BEGINNING OF REHEARSAL. PARENTS AND AIMEE WORKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE AND PAY FOR THE MEALS.

ALSO HELD ON DECEMBER 10 WAS THE ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AGED FAMILIES IN THE CLC. MULTIPLE CRAFTS AND GAMES WERE MADE AND PLAYED AND A THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP WAS HAD.

Future Plans: Third grade Bible workshop and presentation will be held on January 20-21.

Baptism luncheon and mentor introductions will be February 11. We have at least 9 candidates that will be matching with mentors. Mentors are chosen on the basis that they do not have pre-existing relationship with the candidate and/or family in the hopes they will be able to introduce the Baptism candidate to a new perspective of the faith and church, as well as making a new friendship and connection. If interested in being a mentor please let Aimee McBride or Nick Larson know.

I. Children and Youth – Eric Lybeck-Brown- Our Middle School Mini-Mission trip to the Festival of Sharing happened on Oct 20-21st. We took 10 middle schoolers and 3 adults to serve those ministries from all across the state.

2018 Youth Mission Trip fundraising and planning is underway. We are grateful for the support of the congregations in these endeavors, and special thanks to Stuart and Martha Head for donating trees and wreaths for us to sell again this year. We sold out of our first batch of wreaths this first Sunday of Advent! Thanks to all who purchased!

Youth Make a Difference Day served 13 families, with over 45 youth and adults on Sunday Nov. 12th This year we ate lunch at the church and then headed out to serve, which accommodated schedules better. Wed Dec 6th we will be shopping using money donated by students for 6 Tree of Hope children. Having the bus at our disposal aids our ability to do interesting activities more efficiently.

Future Plans: Wed Dec 13th will be the final WNL of 2017, and we'll be using the Buses to carol at a few of our members houses. Beginning in the Spring semester we will be testing a new format for Small Groups in Youth. Large Group gatherings on Wednesday will take place on the 1st Wed of the month, allowing the other 3 Wednesdays and beyond to be used for small groups organized around interest and topics. We look forward to the way this will allow more youth with busy schedules to participate and teach our youth to be the stewards of their own spiritual growth. Planning has begun work on our Boys Retreat (Feb 16-17) and Girls Retreat (Feb 2-3).

J. Discipleship – Resa Kerns, Patsy Dalton- Each month it seems that CareLink finding new ways to care for our church family. We continue to recruit new members and to serve those who have had surgery, accomplishments, losses, illness, new babies, etc.

Please read Broadway Life each month to see a breakdown of ministry numbers including those served and the volunteers who care for them. We thank Debby Graham for featuring CareLink in that publication and the weekly update online. We also thank Ingrid Luckenbill for continuing to keep Linda and I updated on the pastoral wall activities. And it is a joy to work with our three ministers as follow up to their visits to so many of our church family. And emails are a huge help. It's our most timely way to communicate with the 10 CareLink ministry chairs and assure immediate responses.

Our next projects--We hope to publicize the need for our own church family to let the church office, ministers and CareLink know when they may need assistance. So often people are hesitant to tell us when they are having surgery, hospitalizations, health issues or even happy events. We just have to make this a habit for all of us!

More to come on that. In the month of January, we hope to have a gathering of our 10 CareLink ministry chairs to brainstorm on any improvements or tweaking we can make to assure that CareLink is serving as

broadly as possible.

And of course we are always looking for opportunities to let people know more about CareLink. So if you would like for us to come speak to your groups or classes or committee meetings, please contact Patsy or Linda.

Membership Report –Ingrid reported 2 new for a total of 750 active/inactive, 632 active

Financial Report–Martha Head advised pledged giving was down some but, at the end of November the budget was in the black with all departments budgets in line. December giving is expected to be strong.

Executive Committee Report –John Poehlmann presented a November recap: A 14-0 electronic Board vote to approve addition funding for the marquee sign. Don Day and Janice Henson presented a proposal to allow a sanctuary study. Serve requested the use of the Church bus to be to transport for Room at the Inn. Tim commented on what a pleasure it was to review and sign off on all of the different outreach disbursements. A request from Connections Ministry to be re-named to Fellowship was approved. There will be an appointment of a security task force for emergency preparedness planning. It was agreed to form a committee to study and prepare plans to Freshen the Sanctuary in the near future, as well as form a long range planning team to address the other items from the Front Porch Committee report. The nominating committee for approved for the Board consideration. Property advised of 3 new light poles in the west parking lot and additional bids were still being sought for showers in the CLC.

Action Items

A. Approval of Bus Drivers – Christopher Hull, Don Day

Motion by Marilyn McCreary, seconded by Cinda Eichler was passed to approve drivers

B. Approval of Vice-Chair of Service – Barbara McLay

Motion by Leslie Clay, seconded by Mike Crews to approve Barbara McLay as Serve Vice- Chair was passed by Board vote

C. Approval of Sanctuary Discussion- Don Day presented a proposal for discussion on Sanctuary as follows, with exception for possible change of dates as outlined

The SERVE team proposes that Broadway Christian Church begin a study of what it might mean to be engaged as a community of faith in the local Sanctuary Network. This study will explore the history of sanctuary, including the Biblical witness related to sanctuary, and why people are in this country undocumented. We propose holding informational meetings on Sunday, January 14 and Wednesday, January 17. These sessions would be identical. These would be followed up by a discussion on Sunday, January 28 and Wednesday January 31. From these two sessions, it will be determined what the next steps would be for Broadway in regard to the sanctuary movement. The purpose of this effort is to discern and explore where we feel God is leading us as a church.

Following is an outline of what we would expect the first session to include:

- 1 Stories of undocumented and documented immigrants.
- 2 History of the sanctuary movement:
 - a. Biblical times
 - b. Early times worldwide
 - c. Recent times
- 3 Current situation nationwide and locally:
 - a. Stories of undocumented people in our community.
 - b. How many people are undocumented?
 - c. Why are individuals undocumented?
 - d. Why do undocumented people come to the U.S.?
 - e. Why don't undocumented people just become legal?
- 4 Why consider sanctuary?
 - a. Why sanctuary?
 - b. What is our immigration policy?
 - c. What are the injustices related to our immigration policies
- 5 Options for how we can participate:
 - a. As individuals
 - i. Prayer support
 - ii. Monetary for churches that provide sanctuary
 - iii. Other assistance to sanctuary churches
 - iv. Accompaniment
 - b. As a church
 - i. In solidarity with sanctuary churches

- ii. Support sanctuary churches in various ways
- iii. Become a sanctuary congregation

It was agreed the discussion would be of benefit to provide more information on the subject. A motion was made by Eric Lybeck-Brown to approve the proposal, seconded by Aaron Sapp passed by Board vote.

D. Approval To Start Action of Front Door Report on *Freshen Our Sanctuary*

The Charge would be: Study needs for further improvement of our 20 year old sanctuary and recommend improvements in audio/visual enhancements, audio hearing improvements, paint, carpet, liturgical art, lighting and other facets that combine for a meaningful worship setting. Visit other churches or musical venues for ideas and evaluations. Develop a prioritized list of improvements along with estimates.

Members: Scott Hentges, Tom Brintnall (co-chairs), Jan Farr, Taby Lane, Lynelle Phillips

Motion to approve the committee was made by Leslie Clay, seconded by Marilyn McCreary was passed

E. Approval of Nominating Committee – John Poehlmann presented the following to be approved for the nominating committee members: Dan Miller & Genevieve Howard (co-chairs), Linda Evans, Caren Griffin, Carol Sulltrop, Jim Dunne, John Cassels

A motion by Mike Crews, seconded by Debbie Fisher was passed by Board vote

F. Approval of Security Task Force presented by John Poehlmann:

The charge would be: Develop an Emergency Response Plan entailing protocols, resources, communication and measures in response to emergencies arising from incidents where chaos could develop. This would entail fire, severe weather, suspicious persons and natural disasters for times of large numbers of people as well as minimal staff in house.

Members: Don Day & David Slepco co-chairs, Ken Askren, Jeff Overfelt, Debby Graham.

John also requested that Rebecca Atkins offer input to the group from children's perspective.

A motion to approve the task force was made Aaron Sapp, seconded by Marilyn McCreary was passed

New Business-Don Day advised of approx. 14 churches participating in the reconciliation grant book study/discussion, with approximately half of the congregations being primarily African American and the other white. The book being used is America's Original Sin by Jim Wallace and he encouraged all to participate.

Minister's Remarks

Nick thanked Cinda Eichler and Aaron Sapp for their assistance with obtaining Elder Prayer for the Advent Devotional. He also thanked Kathy Carson and Kay Cook for their work in the planning of the Children's Christmas program. New small group ministries for the youth are being developed, with 14 groups planned at this time. The groups are not age or gender based but are aimed to help develop spiritual growth and to learn how to become more involved in a church community outside Broadway. Terry thanked the anonymous donor who provided the funds to purchase the two new projectors for the sanctuary. She said how good it was to be in ministry and see the spirit of God at work, as she talked of one person who was praying for someone and another unknowingly praying for the same at the same time.

Tim recognized recent improved worship attendance and challenged us to think of ways to keep the momentum going after the holiday season.

There will be four services Sunday Christmas; 11:00 am, the buses will provide transportation and there will be soup luncheon afterward, 5:30 pm Contemporary Service, 8:00 pm Traditional Service with bells, and 11:00 pm Acoustic Service of Lessons and Carols

He thanked the staff and said how nice it was to be so harmonious and as a result what a great reach Broadway had for a church and staff of its size.

John asked each Board member for comments and all mentioned being thankful for the Broadway staff and Church family and works of the Church

Closing Prayer by Tim Carson

Submitted by Jim Granneman – Secretary