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

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2021

Present –17 Board Members, 4 Staff, 2 guests

Opening Prayer

Jan Farr opened the meeting with prayer.

Information Items

A. Priority Action Plan Update—Mark Briley

Leaders and co-leaders of the groups met on December 1. They had the opportunity to look for commonalities that would allow for collaboration. Groups will be focusing on immediate, intermediate, and long-term goals. The next joint meeting is planned for March.

- Personnel Update—Mark Briley and John DeLaporte

The search for an organist is ongoing.

Kate Stecklein, who had formerly been the Children's Ministry Assistant, then Interim Coordinator, will be moving into the Coordinator role. This leaves an opening for a Children's Ministry Assistant.

MINISTRY AREAS

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

- We finished up the Wise King unit in November and have started the Celebrate the Birth of Jesus unit. Our November movie night was good. We have a small group, but those who participated had a lot of fun; good feedback from the kids and parents.
- We have officially moved Pathways inside, and our numbers are larger than when we were outside. We are averaging 12 kids. If the numbers are consistent, then after the January unit I will most likely add another class to the rotation, making three groups instead of two.
- We are currently offering Zoom and in-person pathways. We have not had any Zoom participation.
- If this continues, we will discontinue offering Zoom, because it does create many challenges with programming.
- Practices for "A Christmas Melody" went well. We have our performance on December 12 at 9 and 11:15 services. Advent Party is during discipleship hour and open to everyone.

FUTURE PLANS

- Cookie decorating/exchange led by Jennifer Reed is happening December 18. Available to the whole church, but geared toward engaging kids.
- I have a few ornaments trickling back to me! Some amazing volunteers are sewing them up. The book this year is The Christmas Promise. It has been recorded, so it is available anytime, and then I will be

reading it live on Zoom the 24th at 2:00 pm. I have come across ornaments from previous years and those will be displayed and available to take home also.

- January will be a different classroom model. We are using a book, What Would Jesus Do? We will split it up into five sections and do an activity related to the chapters covered each week. The goal is to incorporate The Room at the Inn program into what we are learning. Matthew 25:35-40 is the overall theme. We will make WWJD bracelets, cook for the folks staying with us, learn about the science of fire, make soap, and make watercolor posters.
- JYF will re-debut January 23rd following church services. I am looking into a couple of devotionals to use each time we meet through the whole year. Then focus on a service project that may or may not relate to our devotional, but hopefully will relate! JYF will be open to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.
- January 22nd is the 3rd grade bible workshop with the bibles being presented at church on the 23rd.
- We relocated the baby wall to the entrance, on the new member wall, where people can see it!

B. Youth--submitted by Linda Wycoff

- In November Youth and Children's Ministry hosted a movie night watching the Charlie Brown specials and making Christmas and Thanksgiving crafts.
- November was Youth Make a Difference Month with Youth Sunday School classes shopping for Tree of Hope children and making personal hygiene kits for Festival of Sharing for CLEN.
- Youth also raked leaves for church members.

FUTURE PLANS

- In December Youth are partnering with Children's Ministry to host an Advent party that's open to all ages with activities, games, and crafts for all.
- Youth Ensemble is offering two special songs and three individual youth playing instruments as part of the Dec. 12th services.

C. AGC—reported by John DeLaporte

- All God's Children is pivoting to a more virtual format as they try to best serve the families.
- Crystal Harrison has been lining up University interns to help in the coming year.

D. Deacons—submitted by Chris Meade and Ryan Grueber

- Nothing to report at this time.

E. Discipleship--submitted by Michelle Marshall

- November marked the end of the fall trimester. Broadway hosted 23 discipleship groups and Sunday study courses engaging hundreds of members from September through November.
- Two recent broad welcome nights engaged a number of new members and inquiring visitors.
- BCC advent devotional and 4-week prayer group added spirit and study to the season.

FUTURE PLANS

- Next Taste and see will be Sunday, January 16th during the discipleship hour.
- Winter trimester hopes to add two new Sunday School opportunities and a Lenten prayer group to the mix.
- Want to continue encouraging members to serve as hosts for monthly broad welcome nights

QUESTIONS FOR OR REQUESTED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD:

- If any board members would like to serve as a host for a future broad welcome night we would graciously welcome your hospitality!

CareLink—submitted by Patsy Dalton

- Our 12 CareLink ministry chairs continue to manage their teams of volunteers. And we occasionally get new volunteers. During this Advent season we are doing our best to meet any needs reported to us.
- As you know, we get notices of church family who need special attention from the ministers, Ingrid, our own church members and our CareLink ministry chairs. **If you know of anyone who might need such attention, please notify Ingrid and she will pass it on to Patsy. Patsy then sends alerts to our 12 teams and we go into action.**
- At this point we are still keeping up with all of the requests and alerts.

FUTURE PLANS

- As with any ministry dependent on volunteers, we sometimes have people who must take a break. So we are always encouraging others to pick up those responsibilities. Also, as our CareLink Ministries grow, we need additional volunteers.
- **Please encourage people to help by calling Patsy Dalton, 356-6036 or Ingrid at the church if they feel they could help with CareLink. There is great flexibility in being a CareLink volunteer.**

F. Elders—Jim Dunne

- Elders had a good discussion at the recent Elder's Circle meeting.
- They recommend encouraging people to use Realm.

G. Fellowship Ministry—submitted by Jennifer Reed and Cheryl Shigaki

- We have been hosting Fellowship every Sunday from 10:00 until 11:15 with the "Snack Cart".
- November 10th Fellowship committee assisted in hosting Pastor John DeLaporte's forum on Disabilities.
- December 12 The Fellowship Committee hosted BCC's annual Goodie Sunday. My first time to attend, let alone host the event, but there seemed to be a lot of goodies and people.

FUTURE PLANS

- December 18th Christmas Cookie Exchange. This is a first time event for BCC, I think??? Anyway I am teaming up with Kate Strickland and will be trying to draw in some youth and new people and have more events geared to a generation younger than myself. There will be crafts and star sugar cookie trees for the youth to decorate and take home. Quiche and goodies for brunch.
- December 24th the annual Christmas Eve luncheon hosted by the Fellowship committee. We are well on our way to having enough soup donations. I have a good assortment of goodies left over from Goodie Sunday and the Senior Luncheon yesterday. We also have had a good response to help.
- January 16th the Taste and See Event. With the theme on Discipleship, Pastor John and I agreed it might be fun to do Foods the Disciples consumed.

H. MOM--submitted by Wayne Dykstra and Jan Jones

- Broadway members worked the Mobile Food Bank November 16th and will do it again December 15.
- Broadway members served a meal to those in need at Loaves and Fishes October 30th. Approximately 70 people were served.

- Room At The Inn started December 12th at the Unitarian Church.
- Broadway is providing transportation for our refugee neighbors to English as a Second Language classes.
- Our SERRV sale made less the \$500 toward scholarships for students in Guatemala.

FUTURE PLANS

- Broadway will be ring bells for the Salvation Army on the weekends in December.
- Broadway will provide a meal for the needy on January 30 at Loaves and Fishes.
- Broadway will host Room At The Inn from January 2nd through the 30th. A signup Genius link for Volunteers is in the Broadway weekly and Broadway life
- Broadway will provide a meal to Ronald McDonald house in February.
- Our Mission Trip to El Salvador will be June 11 – 18.
- A panel and moderator will discuss Critical Race Theory at Broadway on January 8th from 10:00 - 12:00.
- The Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast will be on January 13th at 7:30 A.M.

I. Resources-Permanent Funds—submitted by Phil Fichter

- The funds have had a short term downturn but are generally doing well. They continue to track with the market.
- So far there have been no requests for disbursements.

J. Resources-Property--submitted by Ken Welty

- Two of the oldest furnaces and A/C units in the fellowship Hall have been replaced.
- Handrails have been installed in two of the stalls in women's restroom in the fellowship hall.
- One comfort height toilet (16.5") has been installed in each of the bathrooms (men/women) in fellowship hall. (Regular height toilet is 14.5")
- Catalytic converter on church bus has been stolen again. Looking into long term solutions to keep it from being stolen again. (this is the second time it has been stolen.)

K. Worship Ministry—submitted by Jan Farr

- Big thanks to everyone who helped fluff and carry and drag and climb and crawl and drag to make our church ready for advent; and huge thanks to Vickie Keeling-Wallace for her planning, organizing and guidance. Our committee didn't meet for our scheduled December 7 meeting as we wanted to attend Harp and Healing scheduled at the same time. Next meeting is February 15 or earlier if warranted. I would really like to thank everyone who helped with the decorating of the church inside and out for Advent!
- A special thanks to Carrie Briley for giving us Yard Love each Sunday and to Mike Crews and Darren Day for making it appear each week!
- Sam Wright needs a special thanks too for hanging the huge sanctuary wreath and the outdoor banners, along with help from his son Emmett. Also, many thanks to Sam and Mike for lighting the outdoor tree!

FUTURE PLANS

- After the 10:30 am, January 2, service, we will take down the big tree and greenery from the sanctuary, and will appreciate anyone who can stay after the service to help.

- We are still planning to review the job description of the Service Representatives. Their bios and photos will begin appearing in Broadway Life in January. We want everyone in the congregation to know who to contact with questions or issues that can be taken to the Worship Committee or the Board.

Personnel Committee—Deb Ward and John DeLaporte

- The Personnel Committee met in November to get organized for the search to fill two open positions after the holidays. These positions are organist and children's ministry coordinator.
- Members of the committee are Marilee Fischer, Dana Fritz, Doug Crouse, Jack Miles, Luci Fichter, Tim Espy, and Deb Ward, chair.

FUTURE PLANS

- Will meet again after the holidays.

Membership Report -Ingrid Luckenbill

Ingrid reported that the current total membership is 662 with 609 of those being active.

Financial Report-Ingrid Luckenbill and Martha Head

Martha referred to the November snapshot. Giving is a little down but generally catches up at the end of the calendar year. Current Net Activity at the end of November was -\$6,466.69.

Executive Committee Report—David Holmes

The Executive Committee reviewed the progress on the Action Teams.

In light of the two catalytic converter thefts, Don Harter of the bus subgroup of Property has been tasked with proposing a solution.

Action Items

A. Approval of the Nominating Committee

Proposed members are: Eric Lybeck-Brown, Jan Frost, Brent Ghan, Jim Granneman, Deb Carr, Carol Sulltrop, Don Harter, and Mary Cunningham.

Jennifer Reed move that they be accepted, Deb Carr seconded, and motion to approve was passed.

Their duties are:

- Nominate Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Ministry Areas
- Nominate Deacons, Elders
- Bring Nominating Committee Candidates to December 8th Board Meeting for approval
- Start search for Slate of Officers in January
- Slate of Officers will be brought to February 23rd Board Meeting for approval
- Slate of Officers will be approved at March 13th Congregational Meeting

New Business

There was no new business.

Minister's Remarks

Mark Briley said there is a future version of yourself that you have yet to meet. Keep showing up every day until you are introduced. He suggested this a way to consider the church that we are becoming. He thanked everyone for their commitment and for sharing their gifts.

He is eager for Christmas Eve in the sanctuary this year.

John DeLaporte was delighted to see the children and adults working together in the Christmas worship presentation. He appreciated the air of family and the intergenerational experience.

Terry Overfelt reported that there is much music rehearsal taking place as they prepare for seasonal worship. Adonica's stepdad, Gus Gustivus, is coaching them for a Gospel Christmas.

Closing Comments and Prayer

David Holmes reflected on the damage suffered by the Christian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky, from the recent tornado. He asked for prayer for that church and others affected by the devastating storm. He also reminded everyone that giving to Week of Compassion is an opportunity to help.

The meeting closed with prayer by Ken Welty.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary