

*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  
February 22, 2022

**Present** –16 Board Members, 5 Staff, 1 guest

**Opening Prayer**

Linda Wycoff opened the meeting with prayer.

**Information Items**

A. Priority Action Plan Update—Mark Briley

Leaders and co-leaders of the groups met in December, and now all six are having individual meetings. The Multi-Racial Multi-Cultural group is sponsoring an event March 6 at 10:10. It will include music and education. There will be an update in the Broadway Weekly and on the website.

B. Personnel Update—Deb Ward and Mark Briley

Sarah Merz has been welcomed as the newest member of the staff. Sarah had her first day on February 1 as our new Children's Ministry Assistant.

There is no further update on the organist position at this time. Personnel will continue to work with the ministry team on seeking a church organist.

C. Stewardship Committee Update-David Holmes and Mark Briley

Committee members appointed are: Heather Harlan, Chair; Charlotte George, Allison Hall, Phyllis Hardin, Don Lanier, Dan Miller, and Scott Fritz.

The campaign will be April 24 through May 8, which includes Youth Sunday and Mother's Day. Mark reported that the youth are participating and have submitted the theme: Faithful, Hoping, Loving. This fits very well for coordination with Youth Sunday and Mother's Day. The Stewardship Committee will work out the expression of this theme.

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

- Pastor's Class started this month.
  - We will meet on the first Sunday of every month for an outing that focuses on a theological topic.
  - The second Sunday of the month will be lunch with mentor and focus on a specific skill, like prayer.
  - Each month the kids will have some take home worksheets to help reinforce the ideas from class and engage the parents.
  - Each month they should have a least one meet-up with their mentor as well.
- Baptism will be Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- JYF kids presented a skit to promote the Souper Bowl. They will count the donations up February 27, and the food pantry picks them up the 28th.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- JYF will also assemble school supply kits on the 27th.
- We are creating a Lent series to compliment what the congregation will be experiencing on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. There will be four sessions focusing on What It's Like to Be Me,

and the special gifts God has given each of us and how we can use them for His glory. We are using Encanto, a very popular with the kids Disney musical, as our theme.

- We have a movie night, and some Easter plans in the works -dates locked down this week at staff meeting.
- Making some progress with getting leadership lined up for VBS. We will look at some dates for a large meeting of all the leaders and also for a VBS workday.
- March Pathways will be Community Forgives Zacchaeus

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

- January Youth Night brought teens together to launch new year
- Youth Sunday (May 1) planning has begun, with this year's theme integrated with Broadway's Annual Stewardship Campaign, providing stewardship learning and opportunities for contributions to this larger church initiative.
- Youth Ensemble is meeting to plan specials for Youth Sunday as well as throughout the semester, upper classmen working on message, puppet class working on skit for children's moment, design crew working on creating backdrop, as well as graphic design, painting, etc. for puppet set, slide background, etc.
- Hosted first church lock-in after COVID hiatus.
- Launched initiative to re-engage parents: Valentines "Parent Night out" with Children's Ministry and AGC, Sunday morning parent group in Fellowship Hall, Renewed FB group for parents, Author Chat with Rev. Beau Underwood on his forthcoming book, "Dear Son"
- Parent's Night is brought back, with Children's Ministry and AGC on Feb. 12.
- Two open gyms on Feb. 18 and 21.
- Children's Ministry and AGC are partnering together again.
- Baking classes initiated to integrate seniors with youth for baking, fellowship, and connection.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- Spring overnight retreat at Camp Jo-Ota (Clarence, MO) in March.
- Continue planning for Youth Sunday.
- Groundwork planning for summer youth mission trip

**C. AGC**—reported by John DeLaporte

- Crystal has new group of interns working in the program.

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

- Nothing to report at this time on past activity

**FUTURE PLANS**

- Ryan Grueber, Eric Lybeck-Brown, Jim Dunne, and Chris Meade will get a date and time set to hold a training session for new Deacons and Elders that will be taking positions in the 2022/2023 church year. Best guess – May/June
- Chris is in the process of reviewing the current serving instructions for Deacons, for possible updating as needed.

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

- Launched our winter trimester in January featuring several new groups and classes slated for the next 12 weeks. Twenty-three groups or classes are in operation over these winter months!
- Hosted the second "Taste and See" showcase on Jan 16th.
- Continued to engage new members and visitors through Broad Welcome nights and Disciples 101/Broadway 201 courses.
- Another successful BCC Women's Retreat occurred this month bringing together a substantial group of women in prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- Exploring a church-wide, Wednesday evening Lenten series focused on a community meal and learning/discussion

#### **CareLink**—submitted by Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

- I have never seen such a strong group of volunteers who keep our CareLink going, through snow, COVID and so many other challenges. We have been able to handle most requests and needs with our present fleet of excellent responders. But we always need more volunteers and right now we especially need a few more "Calls of Concern" helpers.
- "Calls of Concern" is just what it sounds like. When someone loses a loved one or has surgery or other challenges, we need to call them and assess their needs and see how they are doing in general. Often just a warm concern by a fellow church family member is what is needed. So, we need a few people who enjoy talking with these people, sometimes over months. If you know of a volunteer who may be limited to helping CareLink by making phone calls, please let Patsy (356-6036) or Ingrid know. We will pass the info on to Vicki Brown, chair of Calls of Concern.
- And of course, if you know of people who need help, whether from Handy Helpers or Flower deliveries, please just let the church office or ministers know. It takes a two-way communication to keep things going.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- We are so looking forward to the days ahead when we will be able to host a get together with all of our CareLink ministry chairs. It has been difficult communicating without seeing one another. Then we will have a big event for ALL CareLink volunteers when we can all get to know one another better. We have quite a few new people who have joined our ranks and it is so much more fun when we get to know one another.
- We are in an excellent position link our church family to the CareLink team. Communication is the key.

#### **F. Elders**—Jim Dunne

- Elders had a good discussion at the recent Elder's Circle meeting prior to this Board meeting.
- Elders are very motivated to be involved with the various ministries of the church.

#### **G. Fellowship Ministry**—submitted by Jennifer Reed

- January 16 Taste and See event: the taste portion of the event was cancelled due to COVID.
- The snack cart was cancelled until January 30 due to COVID.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- March 13<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting with chili dinner: due to the unpredictability of COVID, flu, and weather, the chili cookoff will be replaced with a chili dinner at this time. We will feature winning

chilis from past cookoffs along with hot dogs, cornbread, with all the trimmings, and ice cream treats for dessert.

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

- Broadway served 140 to 145 meals at Loaves and Fishes on January 29.
- Nine Broadway members distributed food to 170 Families at the Mobile Food Bank on January 26.
- MOM gave funds to purchase groceries for The Council Collective. MOM gave \$5,000 to Week of Compassion for the Church in Mayfield, Kentucky.
- MOM provided a meal to guests of RATI on January 16.
- There was a Zoom meeting on January 29. The topic was Critical Race Theory and teaching.
- There was a Braver Angles debate on February 5. The topic was Critical Race theory.
- Race and the American Story class started February 22.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- Broadway will be serving meals to guests at Ronald McDonald House on Saturday February 26.
- Mission trip June 11 through 17 information in Broadway Weekly February 24.
- Mission trip signup will begin March 3rd Broadway weekly.
- Mobile food bank February 23.
- The Habitat for Humanity sale has been scheduled for April 9.

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

- The funds continue to track with the market.
- So far there have been no requests for disbursements.

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

- Purchased a new water fountain with attached bottle filler in fellowship hall. Installation is awaiting plumber availability.
- Carl Fisher is searching for a catalytic converter to replace the one stolen from the bus.

**FUTURE PLANS**

- Property committee will be meeting on February 28 for purpose of establishing a “sub committee” to develop a plan that will financially sustain the current bus and develop resources for future repairs and/or replacement of the current bus per Executive committee recommendation.

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

- At our February 15 meeting we discussed the vacancy of one 9:00 Service Representative who will be replaced by the Nominating Committee.
- We reviewed worship attendance numbers and the affect COVID has had, with no conclusions due to so many variables.
- We heard worship theme plans for Lenten services and Vespers.
- The Service Representative Job Description was developed in January 2011 with the expectation that the newly-created position would develop and grow over time. A review of the job description describes the position as being primarily reactive. It will be updated to make it more proactive and inclusive as it relates to assisting visitors, by inserting language as follows: “Represent and

communicate the interests and concerns of their designated worship service, paying close attention to visitors.”

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

Ingrid reported three member were added in February, bringing our total membership to 667, with 614 of those being active.

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

Ingrid reported that pledged and unpledged giving is on track and loose offering is up from last year. Current Net Activity at the end of January was \$29,006.89.

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

After consideration of the cost and difficulties in maintaining the bus, the Property Committee had recommended that it be sold. Phil Fichter and David Holmes met with a group of stakeholders and other interested parties that felt strongly that the bus contributes to the church’s ministry and should be repaired and retained. In light of those considerations, the Executive Committee recommends that an ad hoc subcommittee of the Property Committee be requested to propose a sustainability plan for continuation of the current bus and any future bus purchases in order to continue the bus ministry.

### **Action Items**

#### A. Nominating Committee—Slate of Officers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Brent Ghan, Chairman, proposed the following slate of officers for consideration for 2022-2023:

### **Board Members**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Chair*              | Mary Cunningham (term ending 6/30/23)                     |
| Vice-Chair*         | <b>Robin Perso</b>  |
| Treasurer*          | Martha Head (Currently serving) – Can be asked again      |
| Secretary*          | <b>Cheri Ghan</b> (Term begins 07/01/22)                  |
| Financial Secretary | Debbie Henderson (Currently serving) - Can be asked again |
| Elder Chair*        | Leo Manson (Currently serving, term ending 6/30/23)       |
| Elder Vice-Chair    | <b>Ellen Flottman</b> (Term begins 07/01/22)              |
| Deacon Chair*       | Ryan Grueber (Currently serving, term ending 6/30/23)     |
| Deacon Vice-Chair   | <b>Ellie Stansberry</b> (Term begins 07/01/22)            |
| Personnel Chair     | David Holmes (term ending 6/30/23)                        |

### **Ministry Area Chairs and Vice-Chairs**

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| Worship:           | <b>Deb Carr</b> , Chair (currently serving - term beginning 7/1/22)<br>Lynelle Phillips, Vice- Chair (term began 7/1/19)  |
| Mission & Outreach | <b>Jan Jones</b> , Chair (term begins 7/1/22)<br><b>Jim Granneman</b> , Vice-Chair (term begins 7/1/22)   |
| Children/Youth:    | <b>Mike Crews</b> , (Youth), Chair (term begins 7/1/22)<br>LeAnn Skinner (Children), Vice-Chair Currently serving (term began 7/1/19)<br>Lea Ann Lowery (AGC) (term began 7/1/21) |
| Discipleship:      | <b>Martha Jolly</b> , (Adult Ed & Small Groups), (term begins 7/1/22)<br>Patsy Dalton (CareLink), (term began 7/1/19)   |
| Fellowship:        | <b>Cheryl Shigaki</b> , Chair (Currently serving - term begins 7/1/22)<br><b>Debby Graham</b> , Vice-Chair (term begins 7/1/22)   |
| Resource:          | <b>Guy Adams</b> (Perm Funds, Chair* (term begins 7/1/22)<br>Ken Welty (Property), Chair (term began 7/1/20)  |

### **Service Representatives**

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| 8:00 Service | Carol Sulltrop Currently Serving (term ends 6/30/24) |
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9:00 Service Dorothy Sprouse, currently serving (term ending 6/30/23)  
**Kristen Meade**, (term ending 6/30/25)  
**Nancy Welty**, (term ending 6/30/25)  
 11:15 Service **Rachel Griffin**, (term ends 6/30/25)  
 Jessica Williams, currently serving (term ends 6/30/24)

*\*Executive Committee member*

**All Elders & Deacons serve 3-year terms (7/1/22-6/30/25) unless otherwise indicated**

**Elders**

Rick Frost  
 Logan Howard  
 Linda Wycoff  
 Bob Whittet  
 Bill Stephenson  
 Sara Miller  
 Ryan Kenney  
 Andy Ward  
 Brent Ghan

**Deacons**

Prep Deacon = Neal & Nancy Miller  
 Prep Deacon = Matt & Cindy Garrett  
 Prep Deacon = Nancy Fuchs & Phil Schoo  
 Prep Deacon = Ron Marshall  
 Prep Deacon = Barry & Linda Stuart  
 Prep Deacon = Larry Wall  
 Prep Deacon = Renee Terrell  
 Prep Deacon = Mike & Vicki Williams

9:00 AM Deacon = Tammy Gerhart

9:00 AM Deacon = Leslie Clay

9:00 AM Deacon = Deb Carr

9:00 AM Deacon = John Cassels

9:00 AM Deacon = Cinda Eichler

11:15 AM Deacon = Ashley Kidwiler

11:15 AM Deacon = Jason Elbert

11:15 AM Deacon = Corbin Marchack

11:15 AM Deacon = Genny Perso

11:15 AM Deacon = Dana Fritz

**Service Representatives**

9:00 AM Service Rep = Kristen Meade

9:00 AM Service Rep = Nancy Welty

11:15 AM Service Rep = Rachel Griffin

Ken Welty seconded the proposal, and the slate was approved.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Minister's Remarks**

**Terry Overfelt** has been delighted to see intergenerational groups such as the Intergenerational Cooking group recently formed. She is looking forward to the upcoming women's retreat and has seen the hand of God in the way things have come together for that retreat.

**John DeLaporte** has encountered a lot of new people becoming involved in many different ways. Some youth have started coming who are not a part of Broadway families, and this has even encouraged some of their parents to take an interest. John sees many ways in which we are living out the call to be "architects of encounter".

**Mark Briley** said the Small Victories series will conclude this Sunday with Adonica Coleman leading.

There are many connections point coming up beginning with Ash Wednesday. Mark encouraged everyone to participate in the Lenten series and to pray “in advance”. He challenged everyone to pray for the church every day. It connects us to the church and to each other.

### **Closing Comments and Prayer**

In reflecting on the theme of Small Victories David Holmes was reminded of the book Jonathan Livingston Seagull that was popular a few years ago. He suggested revisiting that story as a mirror of the Small Victories theme.

The meeting closed with prayer by David Holmes.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 26.