

*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

April 27, 2020

**Present** –19 Board Members, 3 Staff; 1 guest, meeting remotely by Zoom.

### **Opening Prayer**

Deb Ward opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Information Items**

#### **Vision Process Update**--Deb Ward and Mark Briley

The evaluative phase ends this evening. They have been receiving evaluations from the different groups. They will see how the evaluations align with the vision, set a theme, and set priorities. They may make some actions teams. By the next Board meeting they would expect to have identified some of those priorities and be forming some teams.

The role of the Board will be to assess how things align with the bylaws, and some items may require Board action.

#### **COVID 19 Update**--Mark Briley

The ministry team continues to consult with the COVID team. They will continue outdoor worship through May, along with the Holy 45 fellowship time. The intention is to resume the pre COVID schedule in June. The COVID team will continue to be involved in the planning.

New high definition cameras have been purchased to improve the online visual experience.

Other groups are starting to inquire about building use.

#### **Approval of Slate of Officers**--Deb Ward

The proposed slate of officers was approved by a virtual congregational meeting March 14, 2021. The vote was: Approved=163; Disapproved=1; Abstained=1.

#### **Annual Meeting**—Mark Briley and Deb Ward

The annual congregational meeting to approve the budget has been set for June 6, 2021. It will not include a dinner as has previously been the custom.

There will be an unveiling of a new logo. An anonymous gift was made for a new logo to convey new branding to align with the new vision. The designer has engaged with the church and the committee to prepare for a design that reflects our core values.

#### **Pledge Update**—Ingrid Luckenbill

The pledges are “heading in the right direction.” To date we have received 132 pledges for a total of \$569,790: 41 were increases; 14 were decreases; 61 were the same as last year; 9 were new pledges; and 7 pledged to give “as can”. This compares favorably to last year at this time when 89 pledges had been received for a total of \$359,399.

## **MINISTRY AREAS**

### **A. Children’s Ministry**—submitted by LeAnn Sapp and Aimee McBride

- Virtual Pathways continues to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. This Sunday school class is taught primarily by Aimee and has had an average attendance of 12-16 the last two months.

Our current unit is exploring the “Road to Emmaus” and asking the children to consider how they recognize Jesus.

## FUTURE PLANS

- Baptism preparation season has been postponed and will kick-off on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a picnic luncheon, and pastor’s classes will begin June 6. Aimee is in the process of lining up mentors and would appreciate any and all recommendations for potential mentors. If you would be willing to serve as a mentor, please contact Aimee.
- This summer Children’s Ministries hopes to take over the east lawn with our large construction tents and set up an outdoor classroom where we can host Family Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We will begin this time with storytelling from Mr. Chuck and some extra-large Worship and Wonder pieces and then help lead families in an engagement period that will include discussion and activities. Parent participation is a must this summer as we feel it will help families re-engage with the church as a unit after this long period apart as well as allowing parents to oversee their children’s interactions as we seek to reduce COVID risk for our children, parent/guardians, and volunteers.
- July 11-13 Children’s Ministries is seeking to host an evening family VBS. Families will be invited to participate in an outdoor VBS that will begin with a picnic dinner opportunity at 5:30 and wrap up by 8:00 pm. Our theme this year will focus on the Storytelling of Jesus and the parables. Over the course of four evenings, families will visit eight parable stations and participate in storytelling and activities that help reinforce the lessons that Jesus taught through his parables.
- Children and Youth Ministries has purchased a 16-foot movie screen that will allow us to host outdoor movie nights this summer and fall. Dates and movies are to be announced, but we anticipate a fun outdoor fellowship event for all in the church.

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

- Youth leaders have been particularly innovative at engaging youth in the past month.
- Middle-High Schoolers continue virtual meetings each Sunday via Zoom. A core group of approximately 8-10 teens participate weekly with numerous others tuning in when they are able. In all several dozen teens have participated virtually since the new year.
- Teens recently concluded our virtual Lenten Series. Youth Team delivered over 40 Lenten prayer kits to all middle-high school families as a pastoral touch-point during the season.
- Teens assembled approximately 200 craft kits to benefit our Partner in Education, Central Early Learning North, in March.
- Teens have meet weekly throughout March and April to prepare for Youth Sunday, May 2. Three teams of teens have come together to practice music (instrumental and solo vocal performances), write speaking parts (prayers, offering, communion, call to worship, the message), and create visual and digital art to mark the day (banners representing our vision statement). Seniors will be recognized and senior videos will be highlighted on social media pages.
- Trails and Tacos Group is continuing monthly hikes.

## FUTURE PLANS

- The youth ministry team continues to meet monthly. Most recently, we’ve formulated priorities and a timeline for summer, and completed the evaluative report.

- Summer youth initiatives will begin to lean into in-person gatherings for teens primarily outdoors and done with COVID protocols in place.
- Resumption of a summer Sunday School hour will begin on June 6th as BCC transitions back to a pre-COVID worship schedule.
- The faith formation staff continues to meet monthly. We will be working together to plan a summer calendar for our children, teens, and families and begin conversation about faith formation in the year ahead.
- Youth leadership is working with committees in the church to form partnerships and find ways for Youth to be involved based on youth interests and with full participation in committees.
- For next year, working on plans to do a mission trip in July that works around the church and community for our high school students.

### **C. Deacons**

- No report.

### **D. Discipleship**—submitted by Michelle Marshall

- Convened a meeting of current small group and Sunday School reps to provide feedback on the evaluative report.
- Launched eight new small groups in the spring. Many flowed from the energy of the February Women's retreat. Others grew out of interests and needs.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Continue to add small groups over the summer as they arise based on interest and leadership.
- Form a leadership council to help advise the programmatic direction of our small group and Sunday school opportunities going forward.
- Work toward a small group/Sunday School relaunch in August-September where all BCC members can learn about, meet, and register to participate in a slate of new and current offerings in the Fall Trimester.

### **CareLink**--submitted by Patsy Dalton/Linda Poehlmann

- CareLink thanks Casey VanDyke, Broadway's Communication Director, for helping us get the CareLink word out to our church families. Each month Casey assists us in Broadway Life by allowing us space to write a column. Last month we began a monthly column that features one of our CareLink ministry chairs. We hope you will read these articles. The first one was about Carole Braun. Did you know she is still a Mary Kay consultant in addition to all that she does for our CareLink Card ministry. We felt it was so important for our church families to know who is behind the scenes in directing services to so many of us. So be sure to read each column. You may find some surprises every month.
- Things are still hopping with CareLink responding with meals, cards, calls, prayers, etc. on an almost daily basis. We sometimes wonder how our volunteers continue at this pace but they know how important their contacts are.
- Like many of us, CareLink is so hungry for the opportunity to be together as a group. We're hoping we can plan something soon, with the literal blessing of the COVID task force who are people willing to make sure we are all protected.
- We still need a few more volunteers. PLEASE let your friends and family members know that we need chairs of CareLink's Care Center ministry and Calls of Concern ministry and also a few more people in a variety of ministries. We promise we will not ask too much and it's a great feeling just caring for others in our own church family.

- At the invitation of the local UCC church, Patsy and David made a presentation to them of the CareLink ministry concept for their consideration.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- This is a test to see if you ever read this report. We are working on a top secret plan to provide another CareLink ministry, possibly soon, pending approval and timing. We all know that COVID is still calling the shots in many ways but we hope to tell you more about this in the next couple of months. Can you guess what we're up to?

#### **E. Elders**—submitted by Robin Person

- The elders continue to have monthly meetings to prepare for the return to leadership in worship, interaction with church membership, and other topics related to alignment with broad hearts, broad minds, and broad reach.

#### **F. Fellowship Ministry**—submitted by Cheryl Shigaki and Jennifer Read

- **April 11:** Fellowship Ministry provided snacks and coffee during the “Holy 45” between services. Still trying to feel out what food is needed, how much and ways to encourage hospitality/fellowshipping. We will continue with the snacks table until the services move inside for the summer.
- **Thank you Ingrid and Jay:** for cleaning out the refrigerators and freezers in the church kitchen.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- Jennifer Reed has reconsidered and will complete her second year on the Fellowship Ministry committee.
- Fellowship Ministry recognizes a need for attracting new volunteers, including those who might take on a leadership role. Ideally, it would be wise to encourage younger congregants to participate; perhaps even youth.
- Some people have expressed interest in leading the committee. We will work on strengthening the committee to cultivate leadership.
- Fellowship Ministry is considering hosting some type of semi-regular fellowshiping event for Fellowship Ministry Volunteers. We frequently work together but sometimes have difficulty overcoming “busyness” to fellowship amongst ourselves.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR OR REQUESTED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD**

- Committee proposes to meet with John DeLaporte, Board chair/co-Chair and interested others – to discuss the intersection of FM and Hospitality mission of BCC. We proposed this in our last report, but it seems we didn’t actually get to it.

#### **G. MOM**—submitted by Wayne Dykstra and Janice Henson

- There will be a soil collection ceremony at the site of the James Scott lynching April 29 at 4:00 pm at Stewart Rd and KT trail. Soil will be sent to the Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum.
- Community Garden has been expanded and has water. A group of MU students used their spring break to fence it in.

#### FUTURE PLANS

- Tulsa Pilgrimage is scheduled for July 15th through July 20th pending all sites to be visited are open.
- The Habitat Garage Sale is tentatively scheduled for August, pending approval from the COVID team. We will be working on a “For Columbia” project on June 5th at the Tabernacle of Grace Ministry. The is the congregation led by Jay Dudley.

#### **H. Resources-Permanent Funds**—submitted by Phil Fichter

- Funds are tracking with the market.
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- We have had no request to date. We are waiting to serve.

#### **I. Property**—submitted by Ken Welty

- Property committee approved bid from TrueSon Exterior for new concrete steps, walkway and handrail on steps to outdoor worship area.
- Executive committee directed Property committee to sell diesel bus (non-lift). Bus has been taken to Head Motor Co in order to be sold. Proceeds from sale will be placed into “transportation fund”. Transportation committee will do cost analysis to see if purchase of another vehicle would be warranted or not.
- Recently had three property workdays. Spread about 25+ cubic yards of mulch. trimmed bushes, trees, and rose bushes along with courtyard flower garden. Picked up downed tree limbs and weeded.
- Sanded benches in outdoor worship area in preparation of resealing. We are waiting for suitable weather to complete the project.

#### **J. Worship Ministry**—Mary Cunningham

- We plan to continue the virtual worship presence after in-person worship is in place.

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

Four new members were added in April making a total membership of 653, with 597 being active.

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

Martha reported current year net activity of \$49,345.50. Everything is on target, and the financials are in good shape. The MOM portion was paid in April.

#### **Executive Committee Report**—Deb Ward

It was agreed for a caterer of Adonica’s choosing to prepare meals for a “Feet Under the Same Table” event that grew out of the Women’s Retreat.

#### **New Business**

There has been discussion of including a representative of All God’s Children in the Board meetings as a part of the Children’s and Youth Ministry. The three (Children’s Ministry, Youth, and AGC) will each submit reports and participate in meetings, but they will share one Board position. This will require no change in the bylaws. LeaAnn Lowery is the proposed AGC representative.

Sam Wright moved to include the AGC representative on the Board as part of the Children’s and Youth Ministry. LeAnn Sapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Minister’s Remarks**

**Terry Overfelt** was not in attendance due to family illness.

**John DeLaporte** expressed his delight that the last few months have allowed him to meet in person with some of those with whom he had been interacting virtually since he began his ministry at BCC. The high school seniors have been writing essays in which they are sharing their experience with the BCC community. John shared three of those essays.

**Mark Briley** expressed his gratitude for steadfastness in trying times.

**Closing Comments and Prayer**

David Holmes closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Betty Sapp, Secretary

***Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 pm. It will be the final Board meeting of the 2020-2021 year.***

## **2021-2022 Slate**

### **Board Members**

|                     |                  |
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| Chair*              | David Holmes     |
| Vice-Chair*         | Mary Cunningham  |
| Treasurer*          | Martha Head      |
| Secretary*          | Betty Sapp       |
| Financial Secretary | Debbie Henderson |
| Elder Chair*        | Jim Dunne*       |
| Elder Vice-Chair    | Leo Manson       |
| Deacon Chair*       | Chris Meade*     |
| Deacon Vice-Chair   | Ryan Grueber     |
| Personnel Chair     | Deb Ward         |

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

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| Worship:           | Jan Farr, Chair<br>Lynelle Phillips, Vice- Chair   |
| Mission & Outreach | Wayne Dykstra, Chair<br>Janice Henson, Vice-Chair  |
| Children/Youth:    | LeAnn Sapp, (Children)<br>Linda Wycoff (Youth), Vice-Chair                               |
| Discipleship:      | Michelle Marshall, Chair (Adult Ed & Small Groups)<br>Patsy Dalton (CareLink) Vice-Chair |
| Fellowship:        | Cheryl Shigaki, Chair<br>Jennifer Reed, Vice-Chair                                       |
| Resource:          | Phil Fichter (Permanent Funds), Chair*<br>Ken Welty (Property), Chair                    |

### **Service Representatives**

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| 8:00 Service  | Carol Sulltrop<br>Dorothy Sprouse |
| 9:00 Service  | Jim Granneman<br>Maggie Meade     |
| 11:15 Service | Ken Askren<br>Jessica Williams    |

*\*Executive Committee member*

All Deacons and Elders serve 3-year terms (7/1/21-6/30/24) unless otherwise indicated.

Deacons

Brenda Dunne-9:00 Deacon

Shane McBride-11:15 Deacon

John Gahagan-11:15 Deacon

Carrie Weaver-11:15 Deacon

Maria Eichenberger-11:15 Deacon

Ellie Stansberry-11:15 Deacon

Beth Azdell-Prep Deacon

Jessica Williams-11:15a.m. Service Rep

Carol Sulltrop-8:00 a.m. Service Rep