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

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2019

The Board met in special session with 22 Board members, 3 staff and 5 guests present.

Opening Prayer –offered by John Poehlmann

Information Items

- A. Stewardship Campaign Update - Ingrid Luckenbill advised there had been some adjustments due to changed or withdrawn pledges. The current total pledged as of June 19, 2019 stands at \$747,436 leading to a deficit of \$38,977, that includes an additional \$7901.00 expected pledges.

Ministry Area Reports (If needed)

- A. **Children** and Youth – Rebecca Atkins- Plans for VBS are underway
B. **Children** and **Youth** – Eric Lybeck-Brown- Mission trip to California is being planned
C. Deacons - Seth Colaner, James Zaner- New Deacon training June 29, 9-11
D. Discipleship - Michelle Marshall, Linda Poehlmann- No report
E. Elders - Aaron Sapp, Brent Ghan – New Elder training June 22 9-11
F. Fellowship - Marilyn McCreary, Dixie Fisher – Requested help for the annual congregation chicken lunch Sunday June 23
G. MOM -Don Day, Janice Henson – Participants are still being accepted for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage in August, as well as the Adult Mission trip to Puerto Rico in October
H. Resources – Financial - Debbie Fisher – No report
I. Resources – Property – Mike Crews – No report
J. Worship - Leanna Garrison, Mary Cunningham – No report

Membership Report- Ingrid Luckenbill reported there have been 4 new members in June, along with 11 Baptismal candidates and that after an annual update to the rolls; current membership is 647 with an active membership of 574.

Financial Report - Martha Head reported as of May 31 we were positive \$54,372.08, but the June disbursement to MOM for \$14,200 had been issued.

Executive Committee Report - John Poehlmann

- Financial update: 06/11/19 : Budget \$849,839 with \$36,019 imbalance
- Settled Minister Search Committee reported the candidate and terms of Call. Executive Committee accepted the terms of the Letter of Call
- Stewardship Campaign update 225 \$757,736 62 increase, 25 new anticipate another \$9,100 of pledges yet to come in
- Annual meeting – budget, by-laws & Calling a Lead Minister (if Board approves)
- Called Board Meeting
- Budget update: \$54,372 in the black (up from April) BUT expect MOM 6th disbursement to be large (includes Enlace \$5K and multiple other small one-time allocations)
 - John reported of individual donors who have committed \$34,000 for Lead Minister Call Gift
- Elders training 6/22, Deacon training 6/29
- Property – Heather Harlan requested a “kindness tree” in honor of Micah for the Memorial Garden

Action Items- The Board went into closed executive session

- A. Call of Lead Minister -John Poehlmann - Executive Session – John reminded of the importance of confidentiality in not disclosing the name of the selected candidate at this time to allow them proper time to advise their staff and congregation if approved.

- Charlotte George explained the process followed by the selection committee, saying it started with them getting to know each other. They then began a listening process, taking notes from the discussion meetings, phone calls and other conversations. From the notes, they began to build the profile of the candidate based the needs and wishes presented in the discussions. Charlotte described that process as truly being “grass roots” driven. She said the committee was a good parallel to the different congregation groups and through open, honest discussion and discernment they were able to narrow the list from 12 to 5 then to the final unanimous selection of Mark Briley.

Joe Horner and the rest of the Committee offered and Amen. Steve Westgate affirmed the committee and their work process.

- David McGee also described the committee as being well representative of the congregation and that it was truly authentic dream process. David and Maggie Meade both agreed that Mark seemed almost too good to be true, but after meeting him in person, could say he was genuine. Dorothy Sprouse said she had been on 3 search committees over the years and that she really enjoyed the process, was truly excited about the selection and was grateful for being asked to serve. Charlotte said she was able to spend time with Mark's wife Carrie, who she said was very supportive of him and that they had a great family unit, including a mutt dog. Nick Larson said he had known Mark for nearly 5 years, meeting through Bethany Fellows and could affirm him as a friend and mentor.
- A bio sheet for Mark Briley was provided and a short video of introduction by Mark was shown.
- John Poehlmann presented the Letter of Call for Mark Phillip Briley and reviewed the term which will begin Sept 2, 2019.
- A motion to accept and approve Letter of Call for Mark Phillip Briley was made by Mary Cunningham and seconded by Nancy Welty. A question was asked regarding minister salary parity, with explanation that was a priority but not feasible in the coming budget. John said Mark was aware of current budget situation and through his great relationship building was hopeful to improve the parity over time. The motion was approved by unanimous vote with votes by Ryan Kenney and Jan Farr submitted in absentia. The recommendation will now be presented to the Congregation for approval. The Selection Committee members were asked to speak and provide their thoughts on Mark to the congregation.
- John presented new member Jonathan Riggs for approval to drive the Church bus that passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- John expressed appreciation to out-going Board members – Rebecca Atkins, Leslie Clay, Seth Colaner, Don Day, Debbie Fisher, Roger Fisher, Leanna Garrison, Eric Lybeck-Brown, Marilyn McCreary, Linda Poehlmann, Aaron Sapp

- John introduced Steve Westgate as incoming Board Chair

Minister's Remarks –Nick returned from his position as Camp Director for the meeting and spoke of how great it was to be involved with the camp but was a wide range of topics he had covered that day, going from discussing 8th grade sexuality to a Board meeting. He also spoke of how he had drawn power through the spirit of recent new members, helping to sustain him.

Terry shared of hearing a phone conversation of Nick's one Friday last January, speaking of the closeness and frankness of the conversation she knew it was someone he cared for and respected. Upon asking Nick she learned he was speaking to his friend Mark Briley, who had called to advise Nick he intended to apply for the Lead Minister position and wanted his blessing. Terry said, that alone spoke to the integrity of Mark and was a moment in which she felt lifted and has carried her. Nick added that it was the act of the Holy Spirit to send Mark here at this time to serve with him and Terry.

Closing Prayer - Offered by Steve Westgate

Minutes submitted by Jim Granneman - Secretary