



Minutes of the General Board First Christian Church February 7, 2012

Call to Order

(approval pending)

The General Board Meeting was called to order by Moderator Diane Hall at 7:30 PM in the Kitterman Room. Diane lit the Christ Candle and presented devotions based on a passage from *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. The devotion spoke of the greatest gift – love.

The General Board Minutes of November 1, 2011, and the Congregational Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2011, were approved.

We Affirm Our Mission

Worship: Sue Hubert, Chair. Ash Wednesday begins February 22. Easter Sunrise Service is April 8. Sue thanked those involved in the Feast and Fellowship dinner on November 29, 2011.

Fellowship: Various Chairs. Scarlet Ross is in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt. Jody Bryant, Keenager Luncheon. John Groves, Annual Picnic. Seekers Sunday School Class, Thanksgiving Dinner. Helen Culliney, Chair, and Don Bohnsack, Vice Chair, Craft Festival.

Membership: Eva Wayman, Chair. Meeting in the near future.

Christian Education: Becky Lowery, Chair. Kelly Malm, Vice Chair, said there will be a meeting in the near future.

Elders: Jack Smith, Chair, Tom Powell, Vice Chair. Had a meeting on January 25 with 11 of the 15 elders present. Kathy Powell has volunteered to prepare the quarterly Elder Schedule. Many thanks to Richard Sack for doing this service in the past. The elders will assist the Worship Dept and the Seekers Sunday School Class with the Easter Sunrise Service.

The homebound member list of 18 was reviewed along with their geographical location and divided into four teams so Elders and Diaconate could provide communion more efficiently.

The elders continue to visit the hospitalized. Thanks to Pastor Lynn and Diane Dvorak for letting the Elders know if a member is hospitalized at any time so that any Elder who might be in the vicinity of the hospital can visit or make other contact or pray for the patient.

At the next three Elder meetings, Pastor Lynn will lead the group in a study of a new book ordered for each Elder,

Who Moved My Church?, by Mike Nappa.

The next Elder meeting is at 7:30 PM on February 29, 2012.

Diaconate: Lois Steineker, Chair. The first three months' schedule has been distributed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church

(Sandy Bushman)

We Present Our Offerings

Jack Smith reported on Souper Sunday. A total of 338 cans of soup and 71 boxes of crackers was collected. Thanks to the JOY Sunday School Class, all the food was boxed up and taken to the Salvation Army.

Christian Action: Dan Thrasher, Chair. This department will look to the needs of the people in the congregation. The Food for the Hungry Chair is Dick Hall.

Treasurer: Bob Euler. Budget is in good shape. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the amounts spent over budget.

Finance and Stewardship: Sandy Bushman, Chair. Meeting at 7PM on February 13. Sandy recommended a separate line item for funds coming from the Foundation for Christian Action. Bob Euler will make this administrative correction.

World Outreach: Tom Powell, Chair. Kathy Powell reported that the Week of Compassion offering will be taken on February 19 and 26. Goal is \$2,000. Report on Tennyson Center: Kathy and Tom delivered the gifts at Christmas. In addition, funds of \$230 were given and used to purchase helmets for the number of skateboards received.

Memorials: June Neal, Chair. No report.

Foundation: Sandy Bushman, Chair. Check for 2011 income was given to the church. If anyone wants to request funds for non-budgeted items, please give request to Finance and Stewardship Committee.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Generous Stewards of God

(David Bryant)

Property: Richard Sack, Chair. Work has started on the project to replace the sound system which had been pieced together for years. Wiring and equipment are old, and problems occur every week. Two different companies gave us proposals, and we selected the less expensive of the two, mostly because of the benefits.

Looking at the sound system, several other projects have come up. The paneling has deteriorated in several places. The old speaker boxes in the walls do not allow the hanging of banners. The exit lights are not compliant with today's standards. Some of the later wiring was not done according to code. We will be removing the paneling, sheet-rocking the walls and painting to match the rest of the sanctuary. The new speaker will be white and closer to the inside edge of the wall, leaving the complete wall open for banners.

This extra work will cost more than the money available for the project. We have asked for help from the Memorial Committee, and they have designated funds of up to \$1,500 which should cover the extra expenses.

The electrical part has been completed. Removal of paneling will start soon with new sheet rock going up next. The total project should be completed in about two weeks.

Richard then reported on the trip to Joplin with John Groves. They witnessed lots of damage and destruction. Over 8,000 homes and buildings were destroyed and over 6,000 buildings need repairs. John and Richard hope to return in the fall. He would have enjoyed more interaction with the residents.

Kathy Powell made a motion that the Memorial Committee allocate up to \$1,500 to the Property Committee for sound system repair. Fran Gast seconded the motion and it passed.

Long-Range Planning: Kim Mattingly, Chair. No report.

CMF: David Bryant, Chair. Met January 18 with 10 men in attendance. Guest speaker was Rev Ed Mease, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. His topic was their sponsorship of the youth program, "Kids' Connection". This program gives kids a place to gather after school, to keep them off the streets. Volunteers are needed to support the program. The men voted to give a love gift of \$1,000.00 to this operation.

Appreciation luncheon was held on January 29 with 140 in attendance. We furnished the steaks and baked potatoes. Great steaks cooked by Virgil Henderson. Annual CMF/DWF Valentine dinner will be held on February 18 at the Eagles at 6PM. The annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 17 from 7AM to 11AM. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under 12, \$3.

There will be no regular meeting, February 15, because of the combined dinner on February 18.

DWF: Linda Bohnsack and Emily McCracken, co-chairs: Installed officers for 2012 on January 17 and are ready for a productive year. DWF will host one of three "Spirit Fest" meetings on April 21. Women will come together for worship, study and fellowship. Blessing box money that has been collected since last April will be presented and new study material will be introduced. Served one funeral dinner (Moulden) in January. The DWF directory is printed and available in the library. A meeting will soon be scheduled to prepare for "Spirit Fest".

Preschool: Evelyn Hubert, Chair: No report.

Boy Scouts: Bob Euler. Active and strong.

Personnel: Diane Hall, Chair. There is an opening for a nursery worker.

Trustees: Vic Young, Chair. No report.

Prayers for the Work of Each of These Groups

(Fran Gast)

We Proclaim Our Ministry

Pastor Lynn conducted one funeral service for Edith Austill on January 17. He dedicated two babies, his grandson, Kosse Miller, and Drew Alexandra Malm. He has started "recruiting" for the pastor's class on baptism and should have at least three children this year. He has a wedding scheduled in August.

Lynn attended the Wilderness Camp director's meeting. The camp is scheduled for July 22-28. The Bethany Project is May 22-24.

Lynn will conduct a Sunday evening study during Lent based on the book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. The Elders are reviewing the book, *Who Moved My Church?*

The Pastoral Relations Committee has been formulated and will be active soon. Work on the Sabbatical grant has begun again for the summer of 2013. The congregation will need to be involved in the plan, i.e., who will serve while Lynn is gone.

We Remember Our Members

Ruth Kenton reminded the group about packing for Backpack Buddies on February 15 at 10:30AM at Studdard's.

Elmer Bailey has an appointment to see a plastic surgeon on February 16.

J. R. Waymire will soon have open heart surgery.

Kelly Malm asked prayers for a family member who lost a baby.

Don Bohnsack's stepfather has been moved to a State Veteran's Home in Chillicothe, MO.

Debbie Moulden

Susan Powell

Lucille Tolliver in Topeka

Tommy Powell, job interview

Diane Dvorak and Kim Mattingly are both sick with the flu and colds

Praise for the J.O.Y. Class and the Salvation Army

Pastor Lynn closed the meeting with prayer. The Executive Council meeting is March 6 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sue Winneke

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