

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

February 8, 2022

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048**

### ***Call to Order***

***Lighting of the Christ candle:*** Lois Steineker, Board Moderator

***Devotion:*** Lois Steineker, Board Moderator Lois Shared a devotional from “Guide to Pray for all God’s People.”

***Minutes of the previous meeting: approve/disapprove?*** The minutes from 11-2-21 were reviewed. Kathy Powell made a motion to approve them. Erin seconded it. Minutes approved by the board.

The minutes from the Special meeting held 12-14-21 were reviewed. Kathy Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Chelsea Moore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the board.

### ***We affirm our mission***

***Worship: Chelsea Moore and Molly Homan***— The worship committee has ordered the devotion booklet for Lent. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:30 in person and by Zoom. Prayer Vigil will be April 9<sup>th</sup> 6am – April 10<sup>th</sup> 6am. Services will be held for Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in person and zoom, Good Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> in person and zoom and Easter, April 17<sup>th</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday the children will be doing something to be an active part of the service. They will also be lighting the candles on Sunday mornings.

***Fellowship/Membership: Kathy Powell*** - no report

***Christian Education: Diane Euler*** – no report

***Children’s Ministry*** – Danielle Euler John Sowers presented for Danielle. Danielle has been appointed by the region to be a liaison for First Christian Church and to recruit a few members of the church for Leadership Center training. She has been in meetings and training to prepare. She will be starting the recruitment in the next couple of weeks. The goal is to empower more leaders in our congregation. Our Congregation has received two grants which allows us to go, all expenses paid.

The ongoing issues with Covid has limited the number and extent of activities she has been able to plan for the children.

The church was able to get more curriculum for Treehouse Treasures. Danielle is working with the worship committee to get the children more involved in the church services.

For Easter she is planning on toys and stickers, depending on the number of volunteers available we may be able to advertise to more families.

***Elders: Don Homan*** – The elders had a meeting. Don Homan was elected chair of elders. The elders will be leading the Easter Sunrise service. The worship committee will plan it. Marji Dickson will serve as vice-chair pending approval but elders. The Shepherding program will be discussed at the

next elders meeting. Kathy Powell will continue to do the schedule for the elders serving at the table even though she is not serving as an elder this year.

**Diaconate: Susan Hoins** – no report. Susan Hoins was elected chair of diaconate with Joan Brown Serving as vice-chair.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church** was offered by Gary Phillips

### ***We present our Offerings***

**Outreach & Action: Erin Sack-** The church had Souper Sunday on Super Bowl Sunday the items collected will go to Catholic Charities. Week of Compassion offering will be collected 2/20 and 2/27. Week of Compassion offers disaster relief of all kinds, tornado, hurricane, or flood.

The church has taken diaper, wipes, toilet paper, dishwashing detergent, children's Tylenol, shampoo and conditioner to the lady with triplets, 2-year-old and two teenagers in her household. She

is still struggling and is thankful for any help we can give her.

**Treasurer's Report: Bob Euler-** End of Year report. The total administration amount was over budget But the overage was approved at a previous board meeting. The total budget expense was listed as 242,000. The total income was 212,000 a difference of 30,000. The preschool income was 61,000 with Expenses being 51,000. The 10,000 made the total budget deficit 20,000. Bob mentioned that under Special offerings the church gave 20,000 to backpack buddies, Christian action, and outreach 14,500. A total of 34,700 was given to outreach which is @ 14% of the church's total budget. Melissa Wilson Made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kathy Powell seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by the board.

Bob was contacted by the Christian Church of Kansas regarding the Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund which has been held with Mutual Savings Association in Leavenworth. This fund was established Over 40 years ago. This fund matured on 1-26-22. The Christian Church of Kansas was asking if we would like to have this fund invested in the Christian Church Foundation where the rate of return would be better than a savings account and allow a greater benefit to scholarship recipients. Bob Euler made a motion to move this fund to the Christian Church Foundation. Sue Hubert seconded the Motion. It was approved by the board.

**Finance & Stewardship: Kim Kincaid & Sandy Bushman** – no report

### ***Memorials:***

**Foundation: Fran Gast** – Foundation met on 2-1-22

**Trustees:** No report committee needs to elect new chairman

**Prayers of Thanksgiving for Generous Stewards of God** were offered by Erin Sack

### ***We Celebrate God's Work***

**Property: Gary Kenton** – The concrete stairs on the east side of the church have been poured. Butler Steel is making and will install railings.

**Transportation: Gary Kenton/John Groves**

Gary started a discussion about the church bus. The property committee feels it is a financial burden on the church. \$500/yr for insurance and is not used enough to warrant the cost of upkeep and insurance. The transportation committee recommended selling it. Property *committee* recommended selling it and getting a van at a future date when there is a clearer need for one. Kathy Powell said preschool used to use it a lot several years ago. It is not really used now. Try to sell it now put the money away for the future use. The foundation does have a bus fund. Erin Sack made the motion to sell the bus. Don Homan seconded the motion, and it was passed by the board.

**Youth Representative**

**: Evangelism: Sue Hubert**

**Jack and Jill Preschool:**

**Future Planning: Gary Phillips**

**At Large Members: No report needed**

**Missy Davis**

**Evalyn Hubert**

**Barb Collins**

**Jim Bliss**

**Prayers for the work of each of these groups were offered by** Kathy Powell

**We Proclaim Our Ministry**

**Old Business:** The digital committee report will be under God's Work from now on. The committee would like to have a modern more upbeat service ½ hour in length. It will not take the place of the regular Sunday morning service and will be offered at a different time.

The committee would like to take an IT inventory to see what we have, what we have and when it will need to be replaced so there can be a plan in place.

They also would like to have 4 – 5 welcome videos so that they can be cycled thru on Sunday mornings.

The committee also would like to have transcripts of John's sermons and want to have a site on the church website for these.

The committee talked about having an IT intern from one of the local colleges help the IT committee. They could get credit from their college for this work.

The committee talked about the possibility of using a company that would be a remote site that could run the services for us. Gary Phillips mentioned a system called Subsplash this would create one integrated system. Both items are for future consideration.

The audit committee with Jim Bliss as chair has started collecting documents for review.

**New Business**

**Pastor's Report** - see attached

**Prayer to Dismiss was offered by** Pastor John Sowers

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Mitchell-Wilson  
Board Secretary

Those in attendance at Meeting

Pastor John Sowers

Lois Steineker

Jim Bliss

David Bryant

Barb Collins

Missy Davis

Bob Euler

Fran Gast

John Groves

Molly Homan

Don Homan

Sue Hubert

Gary Kenton

Melissa Mitchell-Wilson

Gary Phillips

Kathy Powell

Erin Sack

Chelsea Moore

Evelyn Hubert

**Board Report** (November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)

Pastoral Duties:

Preached 10 Sundays

Officiated 3 Funerals

Missed Two Sundays: one for planned vacation, one for funeral of college wrestling coach

Took five vacation days in August

Took two personal days in October for funeral (Sunday, Monday)

Attended four GriefShare Meetings  
Attend Men's Retreat for the region and led worship  
Attended the Regional Anti-Racism Retreat  
Attended Two Regional Clergy Cluster Retreats  
Attended Two Cabinet Meetings for Disciples Men's Fellowship  
Attended One Regional Board Meeting  
Attended Ten Monday Morning Prayer Group Meetings  
Attended Nine Wednesday Morning Prayer Group Meetings  
Attended One Nominating Committee Meeting  
Attended One Budget and Finance Meeting  
Attended One CMF Meeting  
Attended Three Elders Meetings  
Attended Two or Three Worship Meetings  
Called & Visited with Members of the Congregation  
Participated in Trunk or Treat  
Participated in the Fall Carnival  
Participated in Blessing of the Backpacks  
Completed Baptism Classes with Reece Mattingly  
Visited with Preschool Students, Teachers, & Parents  
Led Six Sessions of Book Study (Anxious To Talk About It)

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