

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Call to Order

The General Board Meeting was called to order by Moderator Lois Steineker at 7pm in the Kitterman Room. Lois lit the Christ candle and presented a devotion, read Psalm 103 and opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the General Board Meeting, October 27, 2020 were approved with one correction for a miss spelled name. (1st Kathy Powell, 2nd Barb Collins) The minutes from the November 17, 2020 board meeting were approved as presented. 2019 were approved. (1st Pat Barnhardt, 2nd Kathy Powell)

We Affirm Our Mission

Worship: Penny Paradies – The Worship Committee met on January 12, 2021. The main focus was plans for Lent. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, 2021 on Zoom. The pray vigil will be the 27th and 28th of March 2021. The sign up will be thru the church office, People will be asked to schedule a time to pray at home. Palm Sunday service will be on March 28th. Easter Sunday services are April 4th with Sunrise service and the 10:30 service.

The Sunday sermon is being shown live on Facebook. Thanks go to Gary Phillips.

The committee would like to reintroduce live flowers and plants on the chancel in front of the communion table. A sign-up sheet is in the office. Please call Diane and schedule a Sunday if you are interested in providing this service.

Fellowship/Membership: Laney Mellott – Not present – no report.

Christian Education: Diane Euler – We will continue to send weekly lesson to the parents of the Treehouse children. Gary Phillips was elected as the Chair and Marji Dickson as the Vice-Chair.

Elders: Gary Phillips – Elders met on January 27th, 2021. Decision was made for a time to be set aside each elder meeting for education.

They discussed cares and concerns of the congregation. And discussed when it might be possible to return to meeting in person again.

Gary Phillips will create a “telephone tree” for the elders to expedite calls to the Elders requiring a rapid response or action.

Diaconate: Have not had a meeting in 2021 yet.

We present our Offerings

Outreach & Action: Erin Sack – The Souper Sunday food collection was very successful. The food was taken to Catholic Charities on Thursday, February 11th. The next special offering is Week of Compassion Offering. This offering will be collected February 21st and again February 28th.

Treasurer’s Report: Bob Euler – Bob gave the treasurer’s report based on the December 2020 statement. We spent only 78% of the 2020 budget.

Finance & Stewardship: Pat Barnhardt -no additions to Bob Euler’s report.

Memorials: No report.

Foundation: Fran Gast – The committee met on January 28th. They decided a check in the amount of \$26,314.69 should be given to the church. Various stocks were discussed and decisions made about purchases.

Trustees: Gary Kenton – no report

We Celebrate God's Work

Property: Richard Sack- Richard is trying to get in touch with the lawn care service to set up lawn care for next spring/summer. There have been some minor repairs done to property. The Water fountain by Day Care needs to be replaced.

CMF: David Bryant- No report

DWF: Kathy Powell – No report.

Evangelism: Position is vacant. Prayerfully consider filling this position.

Jack and Jill: Pat Barnhardt – Nothing new.

Children's Ministry: Danielle Euler – She is working on changing the bulletin board in front entry of the church (hearts). Also, the display on the church website and facebook page. Considering how to hold Easter Egg hunt and maybe a nature walk.

Youth Representative: Max Matousek – Not present. No report.

Future Planning: John Groves – No report.

At Large Members: No report needed.

We Proclaim Our Ministry

Old Business: no old business

New Business: Katie Collins has resigned as the Youth Director Immediately due to workload at her regular job. She will continue to do the children's moment every other month during the Sunday morning service.

Bob Euler said the church usually gives 10% of the amount received from the foundation back to the foundation to invest. This was not done in 2020. He recommended giving \$4000 to the foundation. Bob made the motion and Gary Phillips seconded it. The motion was passed by the board.

Pastor's Report – See attached

After prayers and concerns were discussed, Pastor John Closed the meeting with Prayer.

Members present for the meeting: Pastor John Sowers, John Groves, Penny Paradies, Diane Euler, Bob Euler, Danielle Euler, Gary Phillips, Erin Sack, Richard Sack, Pat Parnhardt, Fran Gast, Gary Kenton, Don Homan, Molly Homan, Barb Collins, Marji Dickson, Melissa Mitchell-Wilson, Missy Davis, Kathy Powell, Jim Bliss (non-member)

Respectfully submitted, **Melissa Mitchell-Wilson**, Secretary to the Congregation