

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

February 13, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048

Moderator Dea Nicodemus

Vice Moderator Chelsea Moore

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by: Dea Nicodemus

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Dea Nicodemus

Devotions: Jesus Calling pg. 196

Minutes of the Previous meeting; approve/disapprove? Bob Euler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Penny Paradies seconded the Motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Old Business:

- 1) Update on Jack and Jill Preschool from Dea Nicodemus – see attached handout
- 2) Youth House Repair: Estimates from several vendors to fix Youth House – see attached handout.
- 3) Youth House: Sue, Shaye, Margaret, Richard, and Dea serving on the committee. Met 1-24-24 @ 2: PM. Once the house is repaired and set up for meetings, the following activities are anticipated: 1) Crafting (knitting, etc.), 2) LGBTQ meetings, 3) Tutoring – study area, 4) Gaming (gaming area), and 5) VBS. Used Youth House diagram provided by Gary Phillips. We could designate different days for different activities. There would have to be at least two adults if there were children involved. Once the Youth House is being used, this plan will be re-evaluated one year after we actively start using it as to whether we continue to use it or sell it.
- 4) Maintenance of the garden: Contacted Gretchen Manus from the K-State Research and Extension for Leavenworth County. Pam Jeannin (Master Gardener) has volunteered to try and assist us with some ideas and recommendations this spring. I have a meeting with her on 2-14-24 at 2:00PM to discuss possibilities. I also contacted the Boy Scouts to see if they would be interested in doing something with the garden. They would be interested in doing a one-time service project; I will see if they would do a clean-up in the fall.

New Business:

- 1) Updating church property handout; plan to have this put in the church newsletter – information to the congregation.

- 2) Update constitution/bi-laws – Gary Phillips

Gary will chair this project and will be getting a committee together.

- 3) Quorum: Constitution says 15 and the Bi-Laws says 14. We will have to abide by the Constitution until it is updated; that requires a congregational vote. For the last several years, we have, at times, struggled to have a quorum. Recommendation: We currently have 22 board voting positions on the board; only 17 are filled: no vice-chair for Worship, no Chair for Evangelism, no Youth Diaconate, Susan Hoins is Property Chair and Vice Chair of the Diaconate, and one member at large. I propose an amendment to the Constitution and the Bi-Laws a change to the quorum number: Voting positions **minus** unfilled positions (including dual positions filled by one person) **equals** number **times** .66 percentage equals quorum number. If the decimal number is less than five, the number would be rounded down. If higher, it would be rounded up. Example: $22 - 5 = 17 \times .66 = 11.22$

Bob Euler made a motion to change the way the number for a Quorum for the board meeting is decided. Instead of using a set number as currently stated in the constitution and by-laws the quorum will be calculated using the calculation presented above. Ruth Kenton seconded the motion, and it was passed by the board. However, the board parliamentarian said since the set number is established in the constitution there will need to be a congregational meeting to approve the change described above and then the board can vote on changing the by-laws.

- 4) Share board minutes with congregation; have them put in the church newsletter.

There will also be a copy in the church office for those who do not have/use a computer.

- 5) Church picnic: June 23rd at Wollman Park (big shelter next to pool)

- 6) Silver Chalice Test Congregation handout

Pastor Shaye suggested a more integrated approach rather than the Silver Chalice Test Congregations. After some discussion the board decided to have Gary Phillips explore more about this and present the information at the next meeting.

We Proclaim Our (we conduct the business of the church) Gary Phillips offered a prayer

Worship: -Linda Bohnsack Linda said all the Easter services are set. The Lenten books are ready.

Fellowship: - Laney Mellott There was no official meeting, but they were chatting as a group. They need more help when setting up the meals. May be getting the catering from Dillons rather than Terry Booker as he is retiring from catering.

Elders: - Diane Euler Vice-chair will be Missy Davis

Diaconate: - **Ruth Kenton** Ruth is planning to update the list for diaconate duties.

Digital Ministry: - **Gary Phillips** The current setup for Zoom in the Ketterman room is not working out as planned. After talking with some other people, Gary said what is needed is a ceiling microphone which would cost \$7000. Goeff and Gary will look at this again and see if there is another solution. Pastor Shaye will do a walk thru with Gary and talk about zoom. Melissa Wilson made a motion to spend up to \$7000 from the memorial funds to make the Ketterman ROOM compatible for zooming. The motion was seconded by Penny Paradies and passed by the board. Linda Bohnsack asked about the mission statement of the church. Gary Phillips said he would make it more accessible on the Website.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church: Linda Bohnsack offered prayer

Outreach and Action: **Sue Hubert** Super Sunday was a success. The Week of Compassion Offering will be collected 2/18 and 2/25.

Treasurer's Report: – **Bob Euler** The Budget was discussed.

Finance & Stewardship: - **Kim Kincaid/Sandy Bushman** There was no report. They will be meeting next month.

Memorials: - **Ginger Young** No report

Foundation: – **Fran Gast** Sandy Bushman is working on the end of year reports.

Trustees: – **Jon House** No report.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Generous Stewards of God Bob Euler offered prayer.

We Celebrate God's Work:

Property: **Susan Hoins** The property report was given earlier in the meeting when discussing the Youth House information.

Evangelism: - **Penny Paradies** Penny wants to be more proactive – get out in the community, sell ourselves in a good way.

CMF: - **David Bryant**

DWF: **Chelsea Moore**

Jack and Jill: - **Sandy Bushman** Dea gave the preschool report earlier in the meeting.

Future Planning: – **Chelsea Moore and Sandy Bushman**

At Large Members: **Debbie Phillips, Erin Sack, Lois Steinecker, Linda Stiles no report required**

Prayers for the work of each of these groups were offered by

Pastor's Report – See attached report

After prayers and concerns were discussed, the meeting was adjourned by Dea Nicodemus
Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Mitchell-Wilson

Secretary to the Board

Attendees at the Board Meeting:

Dea Nicodemus

Laney Mellott

April Blackledge

Diane Euler

Ruth Kenton

Gary Phillips

Sue Hubert

Bob Euler

Fran Gast

Jon House

Susan Hoins – Zoom

Penny Paradies

Chelsea Moore

Erin Sack – Zoom

Linda Bohnsack

Melissa Mitchell-Wilson

Dee Dee Thrasher

Dan Thrasher

Pastor Shaye Champ-Correll

Jim Bliss