

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES

October 18, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048

Call to Order: Lighting of the Christ candle and devotion by Lois Steineker, Moderator

Attendees: Lois Steineker, Gary Phillips, Kim Kincaid, Sandy Bushman, Ginger Young, Vic Young, Jim Bliss, Chelsea Moore, Gary Kenton, Evalyn Hubert, Dea Nicodemus, Sue Hubert, Diane and Bob Euler, Erin and Richard Sack, David Bryant, Deedie Thrasher, Missy Davis, Barb Collins, Don Homan, Molly Homan, Susan Hoins

Minutes from the General Board Meeting for August 9, 2022 was approved. The Called Board Meeting for September 11, 2022 was approved; Kim Kincaid's name was added to the list of attendees.

We affirm our mission

- Worship: Chelsea Moore will hold a meeting on 10-19-22 at 6:00PM in the Friendship Room. Courtney Alexander will be attending.
- Fellowship/Membership: No report
- Christian Education: Diane Euler. A meeting was held September 18, 2022 in the Treehouse Treasures room. Those present were Sue Hubert, Jim Bliss, Dea Nicodemus, Missy Davis, Evelyn Hubert, Chelsea Moore, Sandy Wilson, and Diane Euler. Line items for the 2023 budget were discussed and a proposed budget was submitted. The need for new material for treehouse lessons was discussed. We will try out one series in October and lessons from a different publisher in November. At the end of that time, we will decide which would work better, or if we should continue looking for material.
- Children's Ministry: No report.
- Elders: Don Homan. Meeting was held September 28, 2022 and nominees for the 2023 year were discussed. The church ladies visited three homes. There was a discussion of the division of Lay Leader and Elder duties. Names of possible Lay Leaders were suggested. Chelsea Moore will contact them to see who might be willing to serve. Other concerns included Ann Crum, who is no longer driving and needs transportation at times. There was a concern that Janet Zirkle's home in Florida was in danger from Hurricane Ian. Erin led a lesson/discussion during the meeting.
- Diaconate: Susan Hoins. Communion was ordered.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church: Evelyn Hubert

We present our Offerings

- Outreach & Action: Erin Sack. No meeting held.
- Treasurer's Report: Bob Euler. The Digital Ministry is maxed out. The Board approved \$7,000 more in funds for the Digital Ministry.
- Finance & Stewardship: Kim Kincaid & Sandy Bushman. If we run short of funds to meet the budget, we will have to dip into the Foundation. The budget was discussed and approved.
- Memorials: Ginger Young. No report
- Foundation: Fran Gast. Have not had a meeting. Ameritrade amount was significantly less.
- Trustees: No report
- DWF: Dea Nicodemus. No report
- CMF: David Bryant. There will be a meeting October 19, 2022.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Generous Stewards of God: David Bryant

We celebrate God's Work

- Property: Gary Kenton. No report

- Transportation: Gary Kenton/John Groves. No report. Discussion was held regarding those individuals who need a ride to church on Sunday; they need to call the church office so that transportation can be arranged.
- Digital Committee Ministry: Gary Phillips. Digital service has improved. They will be doing a life cycle/replacement plan for all electrical equipment in the church after Halloween. Anyone wishing to help needs to contact Gary. The Spectrum internet connection is complete in the sanctuary. We are broadcasting video at 25-30 Frames Per Second (FPS) compared to the 8-15 FPS on ATT. Latency has dropped from over 100ms to 52ms. The picture is very good for remote viewers. St. Mary's IT intern is in the process of redesigning our website to attract younger people. One of the features it will have is a password protected member only area for posts and messages. We will continue to explore ways to improve our digital footprint around the community. Trunk or Terat was boosted on Facebook. We have reached 394 people to date with 53 engaging with the post – clicking or remaining on the post for an extended period of time.
- Evangelism: Sue Hubert. No report
- Jack and Jill Preschool: Sandy Bushman. The preschool has been receiving a Federal Grant because of COVID-19 which has helped their bottom line. It is unclear as to whether they will continue to receive the grant after the first of the year. Without the grant, the income will not support the Jack and Jill Preschool past August 2023. Sandy will discuss this with the Preschool.
- Future Planning: Gary Phillips. Discussed Strategic Plan proposal; need volunteers.
- Search Committee: Deedie Thrasher. The Congregational Profile was updated and approved with pending changes.
- Nominating Committee: Missy Davis. Nominees and budget for the 2023 year were discussed and approved. (A few updates to the nominee information was made prior to being approved.)
- At Large Members: No report needed

Prayers for the Work of Each of These Groups: Erin Sack

We Proclaim Our Ministry

- Old Business: N/A
- New Business
 1. New Advertising System: Gary Phillips. Gary introduced and discussed GLOO – The He Gets Us campaign. He handed out t-shirts promoting this campaign.
 2. Youth House: Gary Phillips. The Youth House was condition was reviewed by Lois, Gary and a general contractor. It was determined that it would take \$30-40,000 to fix it up. The basement needs to be sealed due to the mold that exists.
 3. Church Congregational Profile: Deedie Thrasher. The church profile was discussed and changes were made. The board approved the final version with the updates.
 4. Update Interim Search: Lois Steineker. Lois and Don Homan have interviewed six prospective pastors. Two are seriously considering the opportunity (both female).

Pastor's Report: N/A

Concerns/Praises: Lynn & Margie Dickson, Kathy Ramirez, Lonnie Dahlrymple, Avonda Nicodemus, David Bryant, Alice Bushman, Kim Kincaid, Pastoral Search Committee

Prayer to Dismiss: Lois Steineker