

DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2014

The meeting of the General Board of Disciples Christian Church was called to order by Becky Johnson, President of the congregation at 7:00 p.m. She led in an opening prayer. Voting members present were: Becky Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Edward Smith, Marit Grant, Betty Sapp, Babe Addington, Adele Moore, Roger Alexander, Tim Collins, and Nelda Wilson. Others attending were: Sandra Foster, Jamie Bennett, Laurie Collins, Joe Brown, Carolyn Jones, and Bill English (Sr. Pastor).

Copies of the minutes from the September 25 Board meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Babe Addington and seconded by Jamie Bennett to accept the minutes as written. The motion was approved.

Old Business

**House and Grounds** -- Joe Brown reported that the Board of Church Extension personnel met on June 11 saying they could approve a loan of \$246,000 over a five year period if needed for repairs. That seemed high since some of the repairs have already been completed. Ed Smith and Jerry Deffenbaugh had repaired the steeple. It was recommended that the stained glass windows not be enclosed. The five broken windows had already been replaced. A bid of \$9,650 was received for putting a thermal film on the windows with a guarantee of 12 years. A Bradford pear tree had been removed. A bid of \$67,000 to repair the parking lot had been received. Bill English suggested we needed to firm things up by next spring. An outside capital campaign was suggested and Babe Addington recommended that the campaign be no sooner than February. Betty Sapp moved the campaign be tabled and that a special Board meeting be held in January with the only agenda item be the capital campaign for the House and Grounds repairs. Babe Addington seconded and the motion was approved. Joe Brown will get a firm estimate for the needed repairs.

New Business

Lynn Shaw passed around the 2015 nominations for officers of Disciples Christian Church:

President	Becky Johnson
Vice President	Lynne Shaw
Treasurer	Betty Sapp
Secretary	Jenith Mashek
Financial Secretary	Jenny Downey
Trustee	Gary Downey

Education	Kay Bjornen
Evangelism	Carol Smith
Fellowship	Cindy Bennett, Mary Helen Buttman (co-chairs)
House & Grounds	Ed Smith (2015), Joe Brown (2016)
Member Care	Pat Brown
Outreach	Roger Alexander, M'liss Jenkins (co-chairs)
Stewardship	Babe Addington
Worship	Bill English

Adele Moore reported that the following elders should be added to the slate of officers: Maggie Humble, Gary Downey, and Connie English. Adele moved to accept the slate of officers. Patrick Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Report -- Betty Sapp reported that additional funds had been received and there was enough to finance the rest of the year. Two proposed budgets for 2015 were passed around and reviewed (attached). Babe Addington explained that the cost cutting in Administration did not reflect any cuts in salaries. Pledges totaled \$202,000. Patrick moved and Joe Brown seconded the motion we accept Budget B for \$212,265. Motion carried. Babe thanked the commissions for keeping the expenses down. Betty Sapp explained some of the cuts on the Profit & Loss statement. It was reported that Jerry Deffenbaugh had set up a brokerage account at Arvest Bank if members wanted to transfer stock.

Nursery Committee -- Members are chairman, Nola Deffenbaugh, Cynthia Naylor, Lisa Welch, and Dee Ann Lynd. The nursery needs to be repainted and Cindy Bennett has offered to do the painting. The committee recommended a new sign be made to better reflect the ages of the children. When the nursery attendant cannot be present, it was recommended that the committee be in charge of finding a substitute. The nursery will be under Administration rather than Education.

Youth Minister Search -- Bill English reported that Leah Conklin was being considered for the Youth Minister position. A letter is attached with her qualifications. Leah had met with the youth and the parents. She seemed well liked by the youth. Leah comes highly qualified and highly recommended.

### Commission Updates

**Education** -- Marit reported she had four in Sunday School. New curriculum has been received. Sixteen have signed up for Craft Day next Sunday with several adults helping. Kay & Kevin Bjornen are teaching the youth Sunday School, Mandy Jackson taught a class on "The Five Love Languages", and Tim Collins is now teaching an adult Bible study during Sunday School.

**Evangelism** -- Roger Alexander reported that our billboard sign is now free. Some families have been attending the movie and munchies nights at the church. A lunch is

being planned for our regular visitors on Dec. 21 at Tumbleweeds Restaurant. Invitations will be sent.

**House and Grounds** -- Ed Smith reported that three big lights are out in the parking lot. Four new LED lights will be installed at a cost of \$2,210.

**Membercare** -- Nelda Wilson reported that Ilyeene Case's care would be decided on Dec. 15. June Alexander is still at home and has full-time care. Nelda also reported that WDM was having a Christmas luncheon at the church. The ladies of First Christian in Nowata and First Christian in Bartlesville had been invited to attend. All ladies of DCC are also invited.

**Outreach** -- Jamie Bennett reported that 12 were going on the Nicaragua mission trip. A brunch is being held a week from Sunday to help fund the trip. Family Promise is ready to launch.

**Worship** -- There is only one worship service during Advent. The Patrick Johnson family will light the Peace candle this coming Sunday. Tim Collins recommended we keep the one service indefinitely.

#### Sr. Minister's Report

Bill English mentioned the problems coming back from First Christian, i.e., no budget, etc. He thanked everyone for all the support he had received from the congregation. He was especially thankful for the prayer shawl he was presented.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Jones  
Acting Recording Secretary