January 22, 2017  
Cabinet Meeting of Disciples Christian Church

Present: Larry Cowan, Kaye Bjornen, Joe and Pat Brown, Kevin and Cindy Bennett, Tim and Laurie Collins,   
Mary Helen Buttman, Dee Lynd, Kari-Anne Grant, Lynne Shaw and Kelley Becker

1. Larry thanked Laurie and Mary Helen for providing the lunch.
2. Larry asked each Commission or Representative to describe one thing is desired to be accomplished by the end of the year.
   1. Lynne suggested doing a Constitution Review. The last one was in November of 2012 and it is supposed to be updated every five years.
   2. Kevin suggests we answer three questions: What do we do, why do we do it and why should someone join us.
   3. Laurie said the Worship is looking to provide a spiritual experience for those who attend.
   4. Kari-Anne mentioned the Youth Epiphany and Bowling for Kids that are coming up.Lisa Davidson, a seminary professor will be coming to speak on “What is Heaven” .
   5. Education reported that Children’s Church is separate from the Education Commission. The Children’s Ministry is active and is planning for Vacation Bible School and several events that will be open to the community.
   6. Laurie said that the main people planning worship are herself, Kelley, Kevin and Patrick Johnson. She is looking for more people. The Cross was moved to the side of the sanctuary because it blocked Kelley’s view but someone moved it back again. The new position will be explained. JoAn Frasier volunteered to provide some seasonal floral arrangements. There is a sub-committee for hymn selection consisting of Laurie, Brenda Lewis, Marilou Bork and Kelley Becker.
   7. Cindy reported for Fellowship. Ideas being discussed are Bring a Friend to Church, a kite fling and ice cream social, an Easter egg hunt, a Mothers and Fathers Day event, and a T-shirt Sunday. February 12th will be Kelley’s installation and a reception in planned.
   8. Lynne asked about the Birthday Party. Kay, Laurie and Cindy will work together on it. It will no longer be under the Vice President but will be a Cabinet task.
   9. Tim suggested a Fall Church Assembly after the General Assembly that could be part divine, part fellowship and part business
   10. Joe offered to show his Cuban pictures at a Beer and Soft Drink Social. A time was set for Tues, February 28th at 6:00. It might have an Outreach or Mission component. Scott Taylor was mentioned for advertising.
   11. Scott Taylor asked to be relieved of leadership of the MAE (Marketing, Advertising and Evangelism) Team for at least three months. Normally a former pastor does not return for a year but Kelley feels comfortable having him be a part of things.
   12. Tim asked if he should be providing a monthly detailed or general financial report. He will emailed a monthly profit/loss statement. He will monitor checks that are over budget. This year we will be spending more than our income.
   13. For Building and Grounds Joe reported that the furnace was replaced because it would have cost $4000 to repair and $8700 to get a new one. The funds came from the Contingency Fund

which is now down to zero. As per the Constitution, Kay, Tim, and Joe approved the expenditure. Mike Bouvier is the contractor. Several shingles blew off the roof and Jim Mashek and Ed Smith did the repairs. Laurie mentioned that it is important to replace the Contingency Fund next year. The Refrigerator repairman should be here within a week. He also reported that an Eagle Scout project by William Shiflet and another Scout is in the discussion phase.

* 1. Mary Helen said that next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday. Cans of soup will be collected with a contest between the two teams. Tim mentioned that checks should be written directly to Concern because bookkeeping is difficult if checks are made out to the Church. There will be a Faith in Action Sunday when there is a fifth Sunday in the month which happens about four times a year.
  2. At the moment, there is no Elder Chair. Adele is handling scheduling. There is an Elder Meeting on February 16th.
  3. Pat is continuing with Membercare but believes the situation should be evaluated because of duplication and difficulty finding enough volunteers. If the Elders are doing their job, then Membercare is not really required. The Secretary can send out birthday cards from the office. Kelley will bring this issue to the Elders. Last year Kay had “Prayer and Need Request” cards printed but this system has not yet been fully used by the Congregation. Tim said that there needs to be systematic communication of this option to the Congregation.

1. Kelley mentioned everything we do should be consciously tied to hospitality, service or spiritual growth. She also said that, in theory, people should be called to Eldership. The Elders need to provide strong spiritual leadership. She wants to reach out to members who are not attending services and find out why they are not coming. She plans to visit the homebound and hospitalized. Kelley asked Lori to set up a spread sheet so that we can track who is attending Services. She asked that members “check in” to their Facebook accounts when they are here. The provides a great community presence.
2. Tim said that he and Lori Hibbard have figured out the Church Robo-call system. It is possible to call the entire Congregation or smaller groups such as an individual Commission. Kay proposed that people be asked on which phone number they would like to receive calls.
3. The next Cabinet Meeting will be February 19th after Church.
4. Kelley closed with a prayer.  
     
     
   Respectfully submitted,  
     
   Lynne Shaw, Recording Secretary