

March 26, 2017  
Disciples Christian Church Cabinet Meeting

Present: Larry Cowan, Tim and Laurie Collins, Lynne Shaw, Pat and Joe Brown, Kevin and Cindy Bennett, Becky Johnson, Kari-Anne Grant, Dee Lynd, Kelley Becker

1. Larry opened the meeting asking us to describe something that we laughed or cried about this week.
2. Youth: Kari-Ann reported that there will be a joint youth dinner with First Presbyterian, St James and St John on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There are four youth who attend faithfully.
3. Education: Dee spoke of the big Palm Sunday plans with a grand entry through the Gates of Jerusalem. The time of the picnic following the service was changed from "noon to five" to just "noon". A short Mother's Day activity and vacation Bible school are in the planning stage.
4. Worship: Laurie described Palm Sunday procedures. There will be coffee before the service and people will not enter the sanctuary until the procession. Sunday School will have an abbreviated time. Coming up is a Maunday Thursday at 7:00, A Friday Prayer Vigil from 7 AM to 7 PM, a Good Friday service at 7 and one Easter Sunday service at 10:15. Everyone will be asked to bring a single flower to church. Earth Sunday is April 23<sup>nd</sup> and Highway Clean-up will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kelley will be out of town for two days about that time. April 30<sup>th</sup> is a Faith in Action Sunday. We will be packing back packs with ten food items for children to use over a week-end. People are asked to donate food or check.

Laurie asked that if anyone has a problem with Worship to let her know.

5. Fellowship: Cindy asked that people bring their own kites for the Palm Sunday Picnic. There will be craft projects to do inside in case of bad weather.
6. Finance: Tim gave a financial summary through the end of March. Quarterly statements will be mailed to Members along with a positive letter from Kelley. Kelley is beginning work with the Stewardship Campaign Committee.

Tim reported that January and March giving was lower than predicted but

February was OK. The situation will be monitored. We might have to revisit the Budget in the future.

7. Building and Grounds: Joe said that he is working on the sign and wind problems.
8. Mission/Outreach: Kelley said that Mary Helen Buttman is working on the Faith in Action Event. There will be a video for the Week of Sharing.
9. Elders: Becky reported that the next Elders Meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30. Elders are discussing what they should be doing for Spiritual Leadership which might involve a change of focus and others taking over some present chores.
10. Family Promise: Kelley reported for Kay Bjornen that people need to volunteer for our Family Promise hosting that begins on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
11. Pastor: She is working hard on budget and stewardship concerns and is busy with Easter Week. There will be six stewardship sermons that will be spread out. She will be gone from the night of April 20 to late April 22.
12. Pat Brown reported that the Board had dissolved Member Care.
13. "Living Room Conversations": Kevin is excited about this program that gives directions on how to talk, learn and collaborate with others who do not necessarily share our views. There are 50 topics with very structured guidelines. About seven participants sit around a table for the discussion. He is offering DCC first choice if we wish to sponsor this. It might be a good entry point to our church. He said that people from the Tea Party and MoveOn.org had positive results with this format. Lynne mentioned that Dinners for Eight might be a vehicle but most felt that this program has outlived its useful life.

Kevin would like some people to work with him on this.

14. **Our next Cabinet Meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
15. Lynne asked if Cabinet and Board Meetings could be combined when feasible.  
**She also mentioned that Child Safety Policy be updated.** Kelley said she will look up the Policy.
16. Kelley closed the meeting with a prayer.

