

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Cherry Log Christian Church**  
**May 16, 2015, 4:00 pm**

Members present: Lynn Barrett, Lucie Coffie, Darlene Fike, Bill Harrison, Maureen Hicks, David Griffin, Jerry Johnson, Myra Kibler, Sharon Meek, Phil Slemmons, Mike Smith, Janet Tripp

Sharon acknowledged that this would her last meeting as Board Chair and thanked the Board for their cooperation and help. She opened the meeting with a prayer.

**1. Peanut Fund-raising Project:**

Sharon acknowledged Ted Murphy and Jane Griffin who were invited to come to the Board to present the Committee's proposal to look into the sales of **BeNuts**, Blister-fried Peanuts to help reduce the Church's Mortgage as outlined in the attachment. This committee has been working diligently to search out the feasibility of such a venture and after having gone through the Finance Committee they have come to us to seek approval to continue in this pursuit as outlined in the attachment. A motion was made by Lucie Coffie and seconded by Bill Harrison and Darlene Fike:

**Motion: The committee may go forward and come back to the Board with a marketing plan and request for funding before it will be taken to the church for approval.**

**The motion was unanimously accepted by the Board.**

**2. Suggested Changes to the by-laws**

No vote will be taken at this time, because this is only a working session on this matter. There was agreement on all the changes at this time except for pages 5 and 10. It was agreed that further discussion will be handled by e-mail among the Board Members so that our decisions can be announced to the congregation soon. These changes will be addressed and then shared with congregation once the new board reviews and agrees with changes.

**3. Report from the Nominating Committee**

**Motion: With one correction as noted, Jerry Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee made the motion that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Myra Kibler.**

**The motion was unanimously accepted by the Board and will be presented to the Congregation for vote on May 31.**

**4. The Personnel Committee** was pleased to announce that over 60% of questionnaires that were sent out randomly to the congregation, 360 reviews of our staff, David, Richard and Malinda were returned.

**5. Updates from the Ministry Councils:**

**Outreach Council**, Darlene Fike: Global Ministries is working on a fund raiser. Health Ministry continues to expand their outreach. Clothes Closet continues to serve the community. Garden for Others is extremely busy in their planting under

the leadership of Sharon Meek.

**Discipling Ministry**, Maureen Hicks: Labyrinth Keepers: "Circle of Life" trees have been planted in the Labyrinth area and congregation members may have the opportunity to select a tree to honor or in memory of a loved one. A \$175 donation to the Labyrinth Fund would pay for a memorial plaque and fund maintenance expenses and future projects at the Labyrinth site. At present, eleven of the twelve trees planted have been spoken for as memorials. Several organized Labyrinth Walks have been held in the past months. There have been positive comments from people in the community about having the opportunity to use the prayer labyrinth.

**Small Group Ministry**: The small group brochure has been recently revised to reflect changes in groups. These brochures will be placed in Visitors' Bags, given to new members, and placed in appropriate areas around the church. A bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall publicizes news about CLCC small groups.

**Arts Committee**: The Art Committee continues to seek individuals and/or groups who are willing to have their work displayed "gallery style" in the Fellowship Hall. The current "featured artist" is Steve Martin. The photography group will be featured next (mid April or early May) with both The Art Guild printed photos and digital slide shows.

**Music Committee**: An ongoing goal is the recruitment of new members.

The Music Committee is in the process of selecting new choir robes. They have also developed a proposal which would allow members to make a designated gift of music such as an anthem in honor of or in memory of an individual.

The music committee has received positive comments about the monthly listing of special music that is now placed in the church foyer. In addition, the committee has worked with Richard to include articles about upcoming music and special guest musicians in the monthly Cherrylogue newsletter. Robin Norsworthy is acting as Interim Music Director in the Celebrate Early service.

**Children's Education**: The Children's class is continuing the "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum and is being taught on a rotating basis by 5 different members. This class is in need of Greeters for the Worship hour. The Youth uses the "rfour" curriculum and is taught by Georgia Meyers. A monthly "fun" activity is held for the youth and in February, 4 members of the Youth group attended Youth Assembly in St. Simons. Children and youth participated in Epiphany and Mother's Day services.

Vacation Bible School will be an outreach project to Tower Road this year with an "Around the World" theme. Helpers are being recruited and are needed.

**Adult Education**: Both the Seekers and Contemporary classes have been well attended on Sundays (approx. 25-30 members each class). Charles Walls is now teaching the Contemporary class. Roberta Bondi is completing a Wed. night study, "Breathing Under Water".

**History Committee**: Cherry Log will celebrate its 18th birthday as a church on June 7th. Homecoming will be after the 10:55 AM service in the fellowship hall. Church members are asked to bring a covered dish. There will be a slide show of activities of the church over the past year as well as an opportunity to tour the new pavilion and park, labyrinth, and Garden for Others.

**Membership Committee** :

Sharon has begun taking weekly attendance at church. For those who are not in church and are expected to be, a follow-up contact is made just to let them know they were missed.

The guest

book in the Narthex was reconfigured and a visitor card was created. The cards are placed in the pews and visitors are encouraged by the minister to fill out the cards and place them in the offering. Follow up contacts are made using a new postcard which includes the church address, phone number, and website address.

**Resource Council**, Phillip Slemons: Resources sold the Church on the Hill to the Craddock Center. The proceeds went directly to Church Extensions to be applied to the mortgage. The old Craddock Center building has been put on the market. The Budget is in the black this month.

The meeting was adjourned to keep faith with the 4:00 pm time.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Tripp, Secretary