

BOARD MEETING
Cherry Log Christian Church
May 10, 2014, 10:00 am

Members present: Lynn Barrett, Don Brewer, Darlene Fike, Maureen Hicks, Jerry Johnson, Sharon Meek, Ron Midkiff, Tom Mitchell and Janet Tripp

Sharon opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

1. Presentation by Georgia Meyers who works with our Fish Group. Georgia had asked to come before the Board with a proposal for a **Disc Golf Course** to be placed on our grounds not only for our youth but for our entire church and community. After her presentation and a brief discussion it was noted that after having already gone to the Property Committee, she came to the Board, to see if it is a possibility and if the Board thinks it is, she would then it will go to the proper channels.

Board Action: It was agreed that it should go back to the three councils to create a task force to look into the issues of having a disc golf course (example: liability, costs to the church, etc.). Hopefully recommendations will come out of this task force for the councils to decide how to proceed.

2. **Thomas Smith** came to the Board seeking the church's **endorsement** to attend Columbia Theological Seminary. After Thomas shared a little about himself and his hopes for his future

Board Action: Jerry Johnson made the motion that CLCC endorse Thomas in his efforts. It was unanimously agreed.

3. Highlights from the Councils

Discipling Council – Maureen Hicks:

Vacation Bible School is coming up June 24-27, Tuesday through Friday. They are still in need of volunteers. Kristie and Julie are stepping back because of Molly's education and they will be in Marietta more so there will be some reorganization going on with the Children's Education. More information on that will be forthcoming.

The Labyrinth being completed, we referred to the new by-laws and the Discipling Council voted to make the group that was working with it a committee of its own under the Discipling Council. It will be headed by Cindy Avens and Dick Zelle. There are about 17 to 25 people who are interested. They will be called The Labyrinth Keepers.

Membership Committee has completed the membership forms and the new membership figure is currently at 255 active members. This figure has come down 30 people from before the forms were calculated. The reason for this is we have finally learned from the people themselves who should be counted as active member and to what level of contact they would like to be with our congregation. The exciting thing we found is that 61% of the membership has taken an active role in the church, on a committee, the choir, teachers and so forth. The question was raised about the people who did not respond to the survey or could not be reached by phone. The membership committee looked at each person and counted them as a member if they have attended church and/or gave money to the church during the last year (The Disciple standard criteria). The only other criteria used were for people that we are aware of who are not able to attend church or give money because of their health were left on the active roll.

Outreach Council – Darlene Fike

The new Vice-Chair of the Council is Jane Carwell and the Local Committee Chair is

Karen Kennedy. The **Food Pantry** committee would like to encourage the Sunday school classes to take on a monthly donation. Since the new sign went up the **Clothes Closet** averages 22 families per week. It has been changed back to open visits. There is now a prep group that sorts through the donations laying aside those that go to Faith, Hope and Charity and hang the others. We are averaging about 26 volunteer hours per week. **Garden for Others** has a new sign. Potatoes all planted by the Cox family. They were the only ones that showed up. They emphasized that they will need help at picking time. The Kennedy's have taken over the **Sam Starr Ministry. Denominational Relations** Cheri and Bill Thompson attended the Regional Assembly and they were very enthusiastic. **Evangelism**, Steve Martin has been involved in signs, ads and handouts. **Health** Nancy Porter who has a degree in public health is working on the development of a care relief group that would be similar to Stephen Ministry that would be trained to help people who need someone to stay with a family member freeing them to be away from home for a couple of hours. This is getting to be a bigger issue in our congregation.

Resource Council – Tom Mitchell

There is a major problem with the **Utility Bills**. They are way out of line. We have a new task force on looking at the church's energy use and they are in the process of trying to find the problems and see what we can do about them. This task force is reviewing insulation, heating and air, and wiring for the church and the Little White House. Recommendations will be coming back to the Resource Council for how to deal with reducing our energy costs.

Sharon reported that the two **water tanks** that process the water from the well are bad and may crack because of corrosion. It has been strongly recommended by our well vendor that they be replaced at a cost of about \$3,000. That has been sent to the Finance Committee to review.

Board Action: As a follow-up to the water tanks. The Finance Committee recommended that the board approve the expenditure. Via email, the board voted to approve the \$3,000 expenditure to replace the tanks asap.

4. Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2014-15– Jerry Johnson

Jerry passed out the list of nominated leaders from the committee that will be presented to the congregation for a vote next Sunday after both services. There are two slots that are pending answers a few that are still being worked on. The Health Ministry Team was left blank until David returns from sabbatical because he has been working on that one. Added to the Discipling Ministry Council is the Labyrinth Keepers, as noted above. Added to the Outreach Council is the Garden for Others which falls under the Food Pantry is Bill Cox. Jerry clarified the new By-Law stipulations that govern the formation of new positions and the transition period for new members of leadership positions.

Board Action: Jerry asked for approval of the Board that the Nominating Committee submit this slate of officers to the congregation for their vote. It was unanimously approved.

5. David's Sabbatical – Sharon Meek

Bryan Hatcher has already been here to preach one Sunday during David's sabbatical. He will be here two more times. Malinda said she has gotten an e-mail from David and he has settled in. Bryan Hatcher had a good conversation with the Elders. Basically, we talked about three things: how the leadership had been adjusted because of the new by-laws, how flocks are organized and lastly communication. There will be two other

meetings. The next group will be retired ministers in our church right now and their influence in this church, some of the things that help in transition, simply a conversation with them. The last group is with this Board. It is simply a conversation to look at our leadership and how we see this church in the future and directions we think this church should go. We have also invited several “people of influence” in our congregation who are not currently serving in an elected positions.

6. Communication – Sharon Meek

Communication has been come up. We have a different structure now. Some ideas are templates for reports to be submitted by committees so it is known what is going on, reports of the Board have been on the web site, mailings, Cherrylog, should we bring back the phone tree. How can we communicate better? Think about this and we will discuss it at another meeting.

7. New State Law regarding guns – Sharon Meek

The new law allows for no action by the church as the church automatically has been opted out.

Board Action: After discussion a decision was made to table the matter for now.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned, it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Tripp, Secretary