

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Cherry Log Christian Church
October 31, 2015**

Members Present: Jerry Johnson, Moderator, David Griffin, Cathy Smith, Bob Matthews, Myra Kibler, Mike Smith, Kaye Vanderhooft, Sue Green, Marsha Kipling, Ida-Anne Clark, Maureen Hicks, Philip Slemmons

Jerry Johnson opened the meeting with a devotional regarding the Generosity Campaign, based on Proverbs 11, stating that God's Grace is his generosity to us and when we respond by giving freely, we grow richer.

David Griffin offered a prayer to open the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Johnson and a quorum was present.

Cathy Smith, secretary affirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as filed. She gave a report on emails since the previous meeting in July, 2015 regarding nominations of new leadership names and these were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The nomination of Betty Schaefer as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee was upheld by the votes registered by email. Bob Matthews was called upon to help understand the process of nominating Betty.
2. An update on the closing of the sale of the Craddock Center was made. The closing took place on October 30, 2015, with receipt of the check for \$84,000 expected November 2, 2015. The proceeds will go to energy upgrades and to a reserve for the general fund. Phil Slemmons explained that the energy needs are being examined thoroughly by Georgia Interface Power and Light which works with faith based organizations. An energy audit will be done with the hope of a grant program which may include wireless thermostats. This audit and program include potential benefits of savings on energy needs. There was further discussion of heating needs in the educational wing. It was reported by Jerry that Leslie Murphy has resigned from the ad hoc team related to the energy needs.
3. Discussion of the Proposed By Law Changes for 2015 regarding Board Members At Large, Terms of Office (Art IIIB,3) and Elders serving on the Board (Art. IIIB, 4) was held and Jerry clarified that elders will serve on the board only while they are in office as elders. This motion was made by Sue Green, seconded by Kay Vanderhooft. There was no discussion and this was approved unanimously.
4. Bob Matthews reported that upon analysis of energy bills, it has been determined that we do not receive any deferment from AEMC for our peak energy use on Sundays.

5. Per the Financials posted report, the BeNuts campaign is being placed under the Resource Council. There is a motion from the BeNuts Work Group that an additional checking account be established at Park Sterling for the sole purpose of the BeNuts program. It is also moved by the Board that the church apply for a Sales Tax Identification Number since the sale of the peanuts are taxed. This involves a state sales tax. It is further resolved that the church apply for a Pay Pal account to be used for the sale of BeNuts peanuts. This motion from the Board was seconded by Mike Smith and the motion was passed.
6. There was mention at the last board meeting of considering a privacy policy that would assure members that their information used during donations or on the church website would not be sold or shared. It would also address the issue of minors' names being used on the church website. Jerry asked that the four Board Members at Large and the Church Administrator work on such a policy.
7. The pending nomination of Zandra Benton to fill the unexpired term of Jane Carwell was voted affirmatively by the Board. Jerry Johnson will notify Zandra. Myra Kibler asked to have more information supplied about proposed nominees for email votes on nominations of leadership vacancies. Jerry feels that will happen in future email votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed By Law Changes for 2016 were presented. Marsha Kipling explained that these By Law changes might be offered to the committees involved according to the constitution. Article III can only be amended by the congregation, then voted on by the Board after the congregation votes. Article VI B was added and approved by the Board. The process for these By Law changes will be to consider them at the January, 2016 Board meeting and vote on them at the April meeting. Vote on one and discuss others at the May Congregational meeting. Mike Smith moved and Myra Kibler seconded a motion to vote on this again after the congregation votes. Ida-Anne Clark gave a presentation on the Legacy Partners group, stating that they are working on policies and meeting every two weeks.
2. Due to a recent demonstration at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Marietta, discussion was held of the necessity to have elders and deacons hold discussions on how to respond to possible interruptions of church services by demonstrators from outside the church. Sue Green added that volunteers should also be included in discussions on church safety. The possibility of an ad hoc committee to work on such a policy was suggested with Jerry Johnson coordinating right now.
3. Designated Gift policies and spending procedure was reviewed. This was referred to the Finance Committee and Jerry Johnson asked to have Legacy Partners represented on the Finance Committee. Ida-Anne Clark suggested that undesignated gifts be directed to the Legacy Partners group. Discussion led to the the wording of "bequests" to be directed to the Legacy Partners.

4. Reports from the Councils:

Resource Ministry: Property: Phil Slemons: Repair of the crack in the tile in the women's bathroom has been postponed. However, exterior maintenance and drywall work are being done.

Discipling Ministry Council: Maureen Hicks: Report attached.

Outreach Ministry Council: Jerry Johnson reported on the project to collect leftover, non opened, non perishable food from cabin rentals and pass these food items on to food pantries or other agencies for use by them in helping to feed those needing assistance. This project is in the process of being organized.

5. The 2016 Budget Proposal was presented and discussion was led by Bob Matthews who stated that the budget is being held to the 2015 level. Energy savings (discussed earlier in these minutes) may have a positive influence on expenses. It was recommended to pass the budget on to the congregation at the Congregational meeting in November. Bob also shared a Finance Committee Recommendation for the formation of a "small task force with the charge of developing facts (analyze attendance, giving, community demographic changes, what are successful churches doing, etc) and strategic concepts for attracting and retaining people who need to hear God the way CLCC lives God. Firming up strategic priorities can help us spend volunteer time and our dollars more productively."

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Smith
Secretary