

Cherry Log Christian Church
Minutes
Board Meeting
April 22, 2017

Board members attending included: Caroline Carder, Phil Slemons, Kay Vanderhooft, Tom Mitchell, Marsha Kipling, Jane Carwell, Maureen Hicks, Sandy McCann, and Marshall Burke.

Other attendees were Bill Groce, Paul Pryor, and Thomas Smith. It was established that a quorum was present and Caroline opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes and attachments from the January 28, 2017 and Feb. 12, 2017 Board meetings have been posted on the website.

Board correspondence since the last scheduled Board meeting is as follows:

An email dated **February 7, 2017** from Jerry Johnson, Moderator, regarded the nomination of Don Midkiff to fill the remaining term of Russell Gremillion as chair of the Arts Guild; and the nomination of Bill Groce to fill the remaining term of Bob Mathews as Chair of the Finance Committee.

An email dated **February 8, 2017** from Jerry Johnson stated that these two positions had been voted in favor of and they were declared elected.

An email dated **February 8, 2017** from Jerry Johnson notified Board members of a called meeting of the Board on Sunday, February 12, 2017 beginning at 5 pm. This meeting, called by three members of the Board, is to discuss the relationship of the Interim Minister with the congregation, and will be held with the Regional Minister, Denise Bell present.

An email dated **March 23, 2017** from Jerry Johnson regarded the nomination of Phil Slemons to complete Pat Reagan's term as trustee ending June 30, 2017.

An email dated **24, 2017** stated a majority vote confirmed the election of Phil Slemons to fill the unexpired term on Trustees.

An email dated **April 16, 2017** from Jerry Johnson to remind Board members of the scheduled Board meeting Saturday, April 22, 2017. This email included the agenda for the meeting.

An email dated **April 17, 2017** included an amended the agenda for the April 22, 2017 Board meeting.

These email updates are submitted by Cathy Smith, Secretary and printed copies are included in the Board Book held in the church office.

Old Business:

1. **First Quarter Financial Summary:** Bill Groce, representing the Finance Committee, distributed and reviewed a summary sheet of CLCC first quarter finances, contrasting budgeted money against actual income and expenditures. Bill thanked committees which have controlled spending and noted that the revenue decline corresponds to an attendance decline. He explained that factors which have kept finances in bounds include our mortgage being re-negotiated with mortgage payments reduced and a decline of interest rates. Bill went on to illustrate a theory of how a program vs. pastoral church impacts attendance and therefore finances. Phil Slemons added that \$600 was saved on the electricity bill last month.
2. The **Safety Team** proposes to amend the by-laws by establishing a Safety Team with a leader appointed by the Resource Council. A discussion followed concerning councils having the ability to establish and remove committees. Marsha Kipling made a motion which was seconded by Marshall Burke to return this item to the Resource Council. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The **Green Chalice** committee asks that the Board request the congregation be part of the Alverna Covenant. (attached with 1-28-17 minutes) The Alverna Covenant was adopted by the Board at the 1-28-17 meeting. The congregation will continue to be informed through news items about our church's cooperation with the Alverna Covenant.

New Business:

1. Caroline distributed the “**Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct**” handout which was developed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In the search for a pastor, our congregational profile must indicate whether or not our congregation has adopted a code of ethical guidelines. Discussion followed with questions and comments weighing the pros and cons of such an adoption. Marshall Burke made a motion that we accept the ethical guidelines as part of our organizational creed and post the guidelines without the study suggestions on our website. Tom Mitchell seconded the motion. This motion passed with six members in favor and three abstentions.
2. **Nominating/Leadership Development Committee Report:** At this point, there are 20 unfilled positions. Caroline described the concerns of lengthy terms and described some modifications made to address these concerns.

There will be a slate to present at the congregational meeting in May, although some of the positions may be unfilled. The Nominating Committee plans to ask the Resource Council to eliminate the Communications committee, as its function is filled by other committees.

3. **Search and Call Process:** Paul Pryor is asking that the Search Committee be formed composed of one Elder, one Deacon and three members at large. Participants need to have been members of CLCC for at least a year. Lynn Barrett will serve from the Steering Committee for continuity. This committee will be trained by Regional Minister Denise Bell. Paul will assist with generating questions but will be uninvolved once prospective pastors' names are introduced. He estimates this committee will be ready to begin work by mid-May. The Board will reconvene Sun., April 30th at 12:30 p.m. in the adult classroom to nominate individuals for the Search Committee. A list of considerations was distributed.
4. **Corporate Savings Account Resolution:** Discussion is tabled until the Finance Committee reviews and makes recommendations. The Board acts on recommendations from the Finance Committee.
5. **Miscellaneous** Thomas Smith was present to thank CLCC for endorsing him to attend Columbia three years ago. He is now completing his coursework and is ready to begin the ordination process.

Reports of the Councils: Reports of the Outreach, Discipling, and Resource Councils have been posted on the website. In addition, it was reported that shrubs in front of the building have been removed for security purposes and will be replaced with low growing shrubs. A pink dogwood tree has been planted in memory of Ashley Weaver. "Ashley's Way" is already being utilized to help members and community individuals in need. Jane Carwell reported that a bus has been purchased at auction today to be used as a portable classroom at Tower Rd.

Future Meetings: Spring Congregational Meeting: May 21, 2017 at 9:30a.m.
New Church year begins July 1, 2017

As there was no additional business, Marshall Burke made a motion to adjourn and Jane Carwell seconded this. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Hicks for Cathy Smith