

**Cherry Log Disciples of Christ Board Meeting Minutes**  
**1-28-17**

Board members attending included: Jerry Johnson, Phil Slemmons, Kay Vanderhooft, Marsha Kipling, Beth Roberts, Jane Carwell, Maureen Hicks, Tom Mitchell, Caroline Carder, and Marshall Burke. Other attendees were Don Midkiff, Bill Thompson, Debbie Coburn, Hal Doster, David Lakes, and Jon Breshears. It was established that a quorum was present and Jerry opened the meeting at 10:00 with a prayer. Agendas and reports were distributed; the group unanimously agreed to follow the agenda.

Minutes from the 11-20-16 Congregational meeting to discuss recommended by-law changes and approval of the proposed 2017 budget have been posted on the website. Since then, an email to the Board from Jerry cited the resignation of Sue Green due to health reasons.

**Old Business:**

**Safety and Security:** Jon Breshears from the Gatekeepers Church Safety Ministry was present to summarize the recent safety and security check of the building and to present his recommendations. (See attached Building Security Survey.) Agreed priorities centered upon establishment of a church safety team and handling medical incidents. David Lakes, representing the ad hoc safety committee, asked for direction and feedback from the Board so that the group can look at pricing and analyze recommendations as a committee. He is looking into the possibilities of writing church grants to assist with the funding. A motion was made by Caroline Carder and seconded by Jane Carwell to formally establish a Safety Committee. This motion was unanimously approved. Jerry will write the description of the committee and the Nominating Committee will work to place individuals in the group.

**Transition Steering Committee:** Marshall Burke and Caroline Carder described the work of the Transition Steering Committee to date. (See attached Report from Steering Committee.) They are studying the book, "Grace for the Journey" and finding it to be most applicable. Marshall and Caroline provided handouts to contrast "pastoral led" vs. "program led" churches. In many ways, CLCC functions as a "program led" church, yet there needs to be consensus about which model is to be followed. It is difficult to move from one model to another. Following their 2-7-17 meeting, members of the Transition Team will offer many opportunities to meet with small groups to summarize the process they have been following and to answer questions. A discussion followed about the timeline of the Steering Team's discernment process as well as concerns that arise during this "in-between" time. This committee has worked intently since October and is laying the foundation and some of the groundwork for the Search and Call Committee. Two members of the Transition Team will serve on the Search Committee to provide continuity.

**New Business:**

**Green Chalice Program Proposal:** Don Midkiff, representing the Eco-Theology Sunday School class, distributed copies of the Disciples Green Chalice Certification Program- Overview and The

Alverna Covenant. He described how a commitment to the Green Chalice program would be a further connection to our denomination and will touch many aspects and programs of the church. In order to do this, a commitment must be made to the Alverna Covenant (see attached). CLCC currently follows many of the procedures necessary to become certified, but additional paperwork and documentation is required. Discussion followed of possible benefits of program adoption and how this would be accomplished: as a part of an existing committee, the formation of a new committee, or Board approval. Nancy Brewer has agreed to contribute ecological statements/reminders to the Cherrylogue. Marshall Burke made a motion which was seconded by Maureen Hicks that the Board supports a commitment to the Green Chalice program. This motion was unanimously passed and will be passed to the Nominating/Leadership Development Committee.

**Nominating/Leadership Development Committee Report:** This committee is seeking a Finance Chair, Vice-Treasurer, an At Large Board Member, a Deacon, Vice Moderator, and a Care Team. It has been decided to place an "open call" based on talent and interest for certain positions and to enact a training process for leadership roles. Marsha Kipling reminded the group that the Constitutional By-Laws are an excellent resource in which to find job descriptions/responsibilities. (This is available on the church website.) When the By-Laws were established, committees were to write and monitor their goals yearly. Discussion followed of roles, number of committees/ volunteers necessary to complete missions, and the possibility of merging similar committees in order to accomplish overlapping and similar goals. Caroline urged Board members to share names of individuals who have shown interest or commitment to various programs.

**Reports of the Councils:**

Reports of the Discipling and Outreach Councils are posted on the church website. Upcoming dates to note are Ash Wednesday on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Homecoming/ CLCC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary the first week in June. The next Music Fest will be February 11, 2017. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Phil Slemons noted that approximately \$10,000 a week is spent to pay church bills. He described changes made to access the HVAC system and summarized the results of the Energy Task Force. (see attached) Energy bills are based upon maximum usage and spread throughout the year. It has been difficult to find a licensed agency to improve church insulation.

**Future Meetings:**

Council of Council Meeting: March 21, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: April 22, 2017, 10:00 am

Spring Congregational Meeting: May 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

New Church year begins July 1, 2017

Meeting was adjourned with a benediction by Jerry at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Hicks for Cathy Smith