

Cherry Log Christian Church
Congregational Meeting
May 21, 2017
Minutes

The Congregational Meeting was called to order by Jerry Johnson, Moderator, at 9:35 AM and opened with prayer by Jerry. Jerry introduced Randy Johnson, who thanked our church for its efforts in Stewardship and Legacy Partners. Jim Culver is here also, and will be taking pictures of some stewardship events. Nancy and Don Brewer will take names of those interested in attending the General Assembly later this year, when Cherry Log Christian Church will receive the James P. Johnson Stewardship Award.

At our last Board Meeting, the Board adopted a document called Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct as a part of the process we are going through with the Steering Committee before creating the search committee. This document is on the church website under the Members section and then under the Board section. These are available also in the church office. There will be a series of discussions regarding these guidelines throughout the next year or so.

The Pastor Search Committee has been appointed by the Board and Beth Roberts is the chairperson of that committee, along with members, Lynne Barrett, Billy Harrison, Debbie Coburn, and Caroline Carder. John Baird is the alternate. Search Committee members who were present stood to be recognized.

At this time, Cathy Smith, Secretary stated that a quorum of members for this meeting were present. An agenda was passed out to the congregation which included a slate of the new officers for the next two year period, beginning in July, 2017. Caroline Carder is chair of this nominating committee. Sharon noted that there are a few offices not filled and invited people to call anyone on the committee to offer to fill any of these vacancies. It was moved and seconded that these nominees be elected. Ballots were passed out. Bylaws require that the floor be open to any further nominations, after certifying that the person being nominated from the floor is eligible and has agreed to serve. There being no further nominations, Jerry closed the nominations and asked that everyone cast their vote on the ballots. Jerry explained that the Board members are listed on the church website, under *Members* and then under the *Board* section. Ballots were collected and turned into the secretary. As a point of order, the list of new

Board members will be published in an obvious way so that all members will see it, for instance in the Friday church email as suggested by Bill Thompson.

The transition Steering Committee was appointed as a result of the congregation listing their five most trusted members. Sharon Meek gave a report from the Steering committee on the Vision and Mission Statement of the Church which the Steering Committee has developed. The Vision statement describes the future of the church, showing both purpose and the values of the church. The Mission statement describes how you want to get to the Vision Statement. Sharon then shared a power point program regarding the Vision and Missions statements, newly written by the Steering Committee. There were some suggestions regarding minor changes to wording from several congregational members, and Sharon entertained these suggestions with a promise that the steering Committee would look at these suggestions. This will be presented again once any changes have been made. This is a draft. These statements are from the feedback with all members in the small group meetings. It will be presented again when changes are made.

Bill Groce, Chairman of Finance, reported that recent months have been much more encouraging as far as financial reports. Factors contributing to this were: a one time large contribution and some “make up” contributions. There have also been some giving units who have increased their contributions. He thanked committee and council chairs who have done a good job this year of controlling expenses. Bill Thompson commented that the mortgage balance for the last twelve months was encouraging.

Discipling Council Report from Maureen Hicks:

*Maureen thanked the youth for their meaningful worship services last Sunday and mentioned that the youth are willing to share this experience with groups or individuals who might be interested. They will be helping with Camp Craddock this summer

*Wednesday night suppers will wrap up June 7 with a speaker who will talk about Human Trafficking.

*The annual church picnic will be held on August 26 at the ETC Pavilion from 9-2 pm.

*Worship and History Committees are planning the Homecoming on June 11. There will be one service at 10 AM followed by a pot luck brunch.

*The Music Committee will sponsor a concert Sept 19 at 3p.m by Bill and Cheryl Star which will benefit the mortgage.

Outreach Council Report from Jane Carwell:

*Jane gave an update on the bus renovation and some estimated costs to outfit it.

*The Garden for Others is up and running; Sharon can use any help you can give.

* On Wednesdays quilters, knitters, crocheters meet to make hats, shawls, etc. The group will help any one interested learn to knit, crochet or quilt. Materials are also available for these projects.

* Jane gave a listing members who will be part of the Kenyan trip . Fund raising will continue with a Music Fest later in the summer. Sponsors to help fund this trip are requested. A total of \$3,000 has been raised.

Resource Council Report from Phil Slemons;

*Property upkeep has been done outside.

*Energy has been showing savings partially due to consolidating use of church to five days a week rather than seven. Fans will be installed in the sanctuary

*There is a new electronic lock for the front door for more security.

Jerry concluded the meeting with thanks for being there. The incoming Board will be published in the Friday email.

Results of the voting for the incoming Leadership Roster are as follows:

92 Votes in favor of the Leadership roster as presented

3 Votes against the Leadership Roster as presented

1 Vote abstained from the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Smith Secretary

