

Minutes of the General Board, First Christian Church

November 7, 2006

The General Board of the First Christian Church met in the Kitterman Room on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, with 20 members present. Moderator Kathy Powell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Fran Gast read a poem by Maya Angelou, "**When I Say I Am a Christian,**" followed by prayer.

The General Board minutes for October 3, 2006, were approved. The treasurer's report and financial reports were presented. The following committees gave reports:

Christian Action: This committee helped two families this month. The response on food donation has been great. The committee is gearing up for the holidays.

Christian Education: Met on October 15. Josh Allen has volunteered to reorganize the church library. The committee discussed planning a new schedule for washing the nursery sheets. The nursery lady volunteered to take the sheets home every week for laundering instead of alternating the responsibility among volunteers. Discussed adding new members to this committee, to include finding a new Christian Education chair for 2007 as the current chairperson will be the new board moderator. Next meeting will be held on November 12 in the Kitterman Room after the second service.

World Outreach: The mailing for the Thanksgiving offering will go out next week. The Operation Christmas Child boxes are due on or before the Congregational meeting, November 19.

Worship: Committee met on November 1. Compared bulletin covers with hanging panels/banners to see which ones to use for this year's Advent services. The choir will present a cantata on December 10. Schedule for December 3 is crafts at 4PM, light supper at 6PM, and Hanging of the Greens service at 7PM. Tom Sack is planning the service with communion. On Christmas Eve, Don Homan will be in charge of the 7PM service, and Richard Sack will be in charge of the 11PM service. Each service will be approximately 30 minutes in length. Debbie Sack is arranging for candle lighters for the Advent candles. Discussed installing officers, elders and diaconate in January 2007. The next Worship Committee meeting will be held on December 6, 2006.

Finance: Met on October 10 to review 2007 budget requests for individual ministries. Approved all requests with following exceptions:

1. Increased World Outreach slightly for camp development and Disciples Mission Fund.
2. Increased Administration IT/internet and decreased postage.
3. Reduced property and moved to take money for sound system request from replacements.
Also discussed the need for new headsets.
4. Increased the Worship budget because of the need for new bulletins in 2007.

Jack and Jill Pre-School: Most classes are full, and the pre-school is doing well financially.

Foundation: Planning a meeting for November 9 at 2PM. The report for the annual congregational meeting is completed.

Transportation: There will be a meeting for all drivers after the annual church meeting on November 19.

Youth: We have 15-20 youth in attendance for all three groups (JYF, Chi Rho, CYF). Set up for the Potato Bar and Auction will be on December 9 at 9AM. The Potato Bar/Auction will be held on December 10 at 12:30. On November 18, the youth will canvas local businesses for donations to the Auction. Chi Rho/CYF are studying Old Testament Bible history. They are using a more practical teaching method and the youth seem to enjoy the studies and are retaining the information.

DMF: Met on October 18 with 13 men in attendance. The program was provided by Richard Sack. He briefed the group on activities and plans for Camp Tawakoni.. November's program will be a presentation by Leavenworth County Commissioner Clyde Graeber.

DWF: Nominations have been made for general officers of DWF and this slate will be voted on by each of the groups this month.

Elders: Met on October 25, 2006. Enjoyed a lunch meeting on November 5 at the home of Linda and Don Bohnsack. Next regular meeting will be November 29, 2006.

Christian Education Director: The Education program just completed a four-week study on Judaism, and Josh Allen is seeking congregational feedback on classes over the last year. The next set of evening classes will begin in February 2007. The Sunday School and youth programs are collaborating on a Bible study course that will take the junior high and high school students through the next few months.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Don Albright reported that he is delighted with the quality of Christian fellowship that is seen here and also surprised at the extent and efficiency of the organization. He is studying the Care Ministry documents. With the help of the church picture directory, he is beginning to know quite a few by name. He accomplished normal ministerial duties, attended board and worship department meetings, made 35 calls to hospitals and nursing homes and made numerous phone calls and talked with those coming into the office. Don thanked everyone for the opportunity we have given him to come and experience the work for Christ being done at First Christian Church, Leavenworth.

New Business:

- **No quorum, so the Moderator called for a board meeting between services on Sunday, November 12, to approve the changes in the by-laws and the budget and present the list of nominees to serve the church.** Erin Sack mentioned that the process for appointing new elders had gone very well and the new elders listed really were committed to serve the church in that capacity.

- **Richard Sack is working on a new web page for our church that will be more user-friendly.** He asks that each chairperson notify him of what each would like to see on the web regarding that ministry.

- **Linda Bohnsack asked Rev Don Albright to address the grief process of missing our former minister in a sermon or in the newsletter.**

- **Mary Sue Winneke thanked the board and the congregation for the book of garden devotionals and container of peach tea she received for maintaining the church gardens this year.**

- **Mary Sue Winneke asked that each chairperson, in addition to providing a written copy report, e-mail her at mwinneke@kc.rr.com with the same information.** She can cut and paste the information and get the minutes done in a timely manner.

- **The Search Committee met and a congregational survey will be mailed to the membership on November 20.**

- **Kathy Powell will present the devotions at the December 5 board meeting.**

Concerns: Enid Stinson; Phyllis Lane; Carroll Garvin; Emily McCracken and April DeMoss; Helen Nowlan; Bill Nowlan on the death of his 93-year-old uncle and Linda Bohnsack's brother-in-law, Toney Murray, who has cancer in his eye.

The meeting was closed at 8:25 PM with prayer by Reverend Albright.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sue Winneke,
Secretary, General Board

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The General Board of the First Christian Church met in the church sanctuary on Sunday, November 12, 2006. Kathy Powell, Moderator, called the meeting to order. This special meeting was necessary because there was no quorum at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Kathy Powell presented the changes to the by-laws. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. The motion passed.

Bob Euler presented the church budget for 2007. Diane Hall questioned the lower amount designated for youth going to camp. Bob explained that the amount was based on attendance over the past several years. If there are more youth that want to go to camp, then funds will be adjusted so they can attend. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. The motion passed.

Kathy Powell presented the slate of officials for 2007 from the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the list of nominees. The motion passed.

The budget and slate of officials will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on November 19.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

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