

First Christian Church, Leavenworth, KS
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held May 4, 2010

The Executive Council met on May 4, 2010. Moderator Fran Gast called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Fran Gast. Minutes of the General Board Meeting held March 2, 2010, were presented and approved as submitted. The Treasurer's Report/Financial Report was accepted as presented. It indicates that we are having to pay expenses not only from weekly giving, but from built-up funds in the bank. Teri Prochaska has resigned as Secretary of the Board. Ruth Kenton has agreed to serve as the Secretary.

Ministry Reports

Worship: Teri Prochaska has resigned as chairperson. Team Leaders will turn in reports to Fran Gast before board meetings. 1) **Diane Hall provided the report for special services team.** Palm Sunday: parade around the block with palms waving. Maundy Thursday: Drama "Twelve Asked: Is It I, Lord". Attendance: approximately 60. Good Friday: Musical led by Steve Parker: "The Ninth Hour" with choir and bells. Attendance: approximately 65. Easter Sunrise Service: Held at The Landing This cost \$15.00 Attendance: approximately 40. Easter Sunday: Baptism, final anthem from "The Ninth Hour", well attended and new visitors welcomed. 2) **Emily McCracken provided the report for 11:00 service team.** The mission of the Worship Team for the 11:00 service has been to remodel the service to make it something completely different from the 8:30 service. In doing this we have made changes that need time to work, and this is not always understood especially by the people who do not attend this service. We are, with God's leading, establishing a service to reach out to the little church or not church people. We have eliminated many of the ritual, traditional trappings that might stand in the way of feeling welcome. The communion is served differently and at a different time. Attendance at the 11:00 Service has been steady with an average of 49 since January 1st. April services excluding Easter was 185, or 61 average. The Worship Team will meet Wednesday May 5th. 3) **There was no report from the 8:30 Service Team.**

World Outreach: Erin Sack provided a presentation on a project called "Water for All". This is a mission project that will be carried out in the months of June and July ending with participation of the VBS children and staff. The proceeds from this project will be sent to Haiti to help provide clean drinking water.

Property: Richard Sack: The Property Ministry met and set goals for 2010.

1. Map of all electrical panels and switches and what each controls.
2. Map of all water and gas shut offs and areas controlled.
3. List of all green steps to be taken with approximate payout time. Everyone to write or e-mail their suggestions and thoughts on things we might do to make the church more "green" in its functioning. It would cost \$1500 to have a study done by Church Extension. This idea was tabled for the time being.
4. List of all repairs needed (starting with last year's list) and time line to do repairs. Tabled for later.
5. Maintenance schedule for painting and dates. George Prochaska is to take on the task of making up a schedule for painting of all areas of the church.

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6. Discussion on work done for the church.
7. Basement needs - carpet, cover on movable walls. Preschool has money available to help with the cost of this.
8. Policy on items "donated" to the church. A policy will be finalized and sent to the Church Board for approval as a church policy.
9. Policy on work done at the church. Major work such as modifications/ remodeling/ painting/redecorating, must be approved by the property ministry before work begins. This policy does not include emergency repairs or maintenance.
10. Heat in entry way.
11. Gary Kenton was authorized to get a 2 bulb fixture for outside the ladies restroom on the second floor.

Several items of expense have been paid for by members of the congregation. Although this is appreciated, these items need to be reflected in the property ministry budget with the bills sent to, and paid for, by the church. Everyone should be reminded that: If you turn it on--turn it off; if you unlock it--lock it back up; if you turn it up--turn it back down: help save on energy bills.

Fellowship: Written report was provided by Helen Culliney: The men of Fellowship hosted Easter Sunday Breakfast. 48 people were in attendance. Reservations have been made through Leavenworth Parks & Recreation for Hawthorn Park for the Annual Church Picnic to be held June 13, 2010.

Finance and Stewardship: Don Homan: No report. Plan a meeting in May to discuss budget shortfall.

Membership: A written report was provided by Eva Wayman: We had a meeting on March 22, 2010. A new member packet and a 150 year anniversary plate filled with cookies were taken to the Cieszynskis and to Karen Carson. The four members baptized on Easter Sunday--Margaret Collins, Mirinda Lowery, Ryan Matousek and Raven Ramirez, received their new member gift and a new member packet when the Pastor's class was completed.

Christian Action: Wilma Dennis: Bags were filled with Easter candy and 13 homebound individuals were visited. Delivered 86 cans and 78 boxes of food donated by church members to the Salvation Army.

Christian Education: Bonnie Stickelman: Meeting was held April 20, 2010. Graduation Sunday was May 2. Pete and Lynn bought gifts. We had five graduates;. Summer Camp - seven children have enrolled so far. Sunday School Teacher Substitutes - make sure class is covered. Safety Awareness Training - First session was April 22, 10:00 am with ten people completing the training. Additional sessions will be held in June. VBS - July18-23. This year's theme is Egypt-Joseph's Journey. Nursery Update - Chelsea Moore is planning to redo the nursery for a girl scout project. Expressed concerns about low Sunday School attendance.

Other Reports

Long Range Planning: John Groves: We need to finalize a mission statement. Provided samples of large banners to hang on sides of the church/annex. There was some discussion during the Executive Board meeting about the possibility of a sign

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being placed on 4th street to direct people to the church. John and Richard Sack are working on plexi-glass holders for informational signs in the church.

Memorials: Pearl Stonebreaker: \$1,427 has been received since the last report.

Foundation: Sandy Bushman: Meeting was held on April 26, 2010. Balance sheet shows \$239,923.92 as of March 31, 2010. Balance of the loan for the roof is \$46,364. It was approved to disperse \$8,102.98 to the church for the 2009 income from the foundation. There was much discussion of current investments and our brokerage agent. Our account with Commerce Brokerage will be closed and an account will be initiated with Ameritrade. Sandy also indicated that the 990EZ tax form had been prepared to send in by May 15.

Transportation: Don Bohnsack: The van has been repaired - fuel pump problem.

CMF: David Bryant: Eight men from FCC attended the regional picnic at Topeka. A work day is scheduled at Camp Tawakoni. CMF has reserved 30 tickets for the June 18 T-Bones game.

DWF: Diane Hall: The General DWF Board met in March to update the budget. A planting seeds flyer with seed packets will be given out and women will be asked to give money to grow women spiritually. The profits of \$240.00 from the biscuits and gravy breakfast will be divided between the four women attending Quadrennial. The May Tea will be on May 15, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Taco lunch will be held on Sunday, May 16 with proceeds donated for the "Water for All" program. DWF hosted the funeral dinner for Ethel Merideth's family. **Service Projects:** Tools and Blankets offering is being collected and 45 more hygiene kits were put together. MD Morgan is chairing a program to make pillowcase dresses and internment gowns. Two dates are scheduled: May 11 in the evening and May 22 during the day.

Elders: Molly Homan: A committee was appointed to suggest ideas and plans, to be discussed in the June Elders' meeting, for emergency planning for weather threats, medical necessities, or threat of violence during services or other church activities. The Elders agreed that there needs to be an exit interview any time an Elder resigns. This process will involve all Elders on a rotational basis. Richard Sack is to discuss with Emily McCracken if there needs to be two Elders or only one during the 11:00 service. Lynn Dickson provided a segment on "Hospitality" regarding Elders' accountability. He also gave an update on the financial condition of FCC and asked the Elders to remain prayerful concerning the financial affairs of the church.

Diaconate: Marji Dickson: No report

Preschool: Diane Euler (not present): Need to meet this month. The preschool is solvent at this time.

Boy Scouts: Bob Euler (not present): No report. The Scouts are having a garage sale soon.

Personnel: Fran Gast: Diane Dvorak will be out of the office for a week. Fran will fill in for her.

Trustees: John Groves: The Trustees discussed subdivision of property that was donated to the church by Mary K. Lamp as well as other issues that need to be addressed before the property can be sold. They are looking for help mowing the property.

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Old Business Fran announced that there will be a Listening Conference with the Regional Pastor, Paxton Jones, at the Atchison FCC on Thursday, May 6. All were invited to attend.

Associate Pastor's Report: A written report was provided by Pete Bradshaw: High school/Jr. high youth traveled to Saint Louis for The BLAZE Conference, March 26-27. Kids Own Worship has been going well. The age of those participating in Kid's Church has been extended to 5th grade. We have also begun having the Middle Schoolers help with leading the worship portion of the programming. 11:00 worship: We continue to see "new" folks in the service. I have begun talks with Atchison FCC to perhaps utilize some of their High School and older kids to help with our worship. Services are being recorded "digitally" and sermons are available to listen to on our website. Recommend that we look into purchasing a new soundboard and a "snake". Our equipment is -outdated and should be replaced. A board that would serve our needs would cost \$600-700 and a snake would run \$300-400. Pete is still working with Richard Sack in hanging and getting new speakers set up.

Pastor's Report: Lynn Dickson: Services since last report: three funerals and one wedding. Easter review: thanks to all who made it happen, good working together, parade, special services/evaluation; numbers 228 in the two main services; some new folks gained. PRC next meeting is May 27. God and Family class - two boys, almost done. Maybe another one late summer. Vacation, couple of days to make up for missed days around Easter. Needing to take a day and get summer preaching outlined. VBS planning is underway, I would like to see 11:00 service grow some more and our finances come around.

Congregational Concerns: Shanda Gilfert, Edna Bair, Donna Bailey, and Chris Williams.

Next Meeting: General Board Meeting will be June 1, 2010.

A special thank you to all who provided their report electronically. Certainly makes my job easier.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kenton
Board Secretary