



## Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Prayer over the meeting conducted by Will Wade

### Call to Order

The Charlotte Church of Christ Congregational meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm

### Secretary Report- Amanda Grecni

Amanda Grecni opened the meeting with a review of the April 23, 2023 minutes

The review of the April 23, 2023 meeting minutes was approved by Tammy Merritt and seconded by Mike Tanner.

### Finance Update- Amy Radabaugh

Amy Radabaugh (treasurer) presented the proposed budget that the administration team proposed for the upcoming year.

Dave Sonenburg asked if the numbers in the black meant we were okay. Yes, the number in the checking account is usually growing or staying steady. It can dip with a big improvement project but that is discussed and voted upon by the board and congregation beforehand.

Dave Walton motioned we approve the budget. Pat Tirrell seconded. Discussion was opened. There was no discussion. The budget proposal was voted upon. The vote on the proposed budget was carried.

### Annual Officer Elections- Will Wade

Officer elections were conducted today. The current positions held are;

Amy Radabaugh, Treasurer

Amanda Grecni, Secretary

Will Wade, Chairmen

Dave Walton nominated all three officers to continue in their current positions. Mike Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion was opened. No other nominations were presented.



Pat Tirell motioned that all the officers retain their positions. The congregation voted, and the motion passed.

Crosswalk Update-

None was given

Missions and Children's Ministry- Lorie Walton

Make it take it sign-up was passed around. It will be hung up out in the hallway as well. Planning and sign-up may begin!

Lorie Walton also distributed a list of children's events and outreach we are involved in Lorie gave us an overview and update of the missions we support

- CRAM- Christ meeting Asia Ministry asking for prayer over the ministry in China as they are facing great persecution.
- Dress ministry- Linda is loving her church and is very grateful for the support we continue to give
- Christian Service camps- our attendance this summer was not as good from our church as it has been in the past. At RLCA Tim St. Lewis' daughter started college this fall. Please remember that our missionary families are living life right along with us. Continue to pray for and support these families.
- Life Venture Group with Shannon Hanie- They were in Poland and are hoping to move there.
- Let's Start Talking- There are trainings available for working with internationals
- FAME- Alison Wade went with Lorie Walton and dropped off a load of donated items.
- IDES- Rick Jett passed this year. Jodie has an assistant now to help serve in this mission. They also hired his wife to be the program coordinator. Rice packing will be February 25th.
- Michigan Christian Convention- Registration has been paid for, for anyone who would like to attend.

A calendar was distributed of the different events that the church is hosting, involved in, or promoting. Not all events have dates yet but will be provided as soon as they are available. These are all events that the administration team and the congregation have said they would like to promote and continue.



We are doing the same Christmas drama for the kid's Christmas program. The program will be December 17th. The program is titled, "*I See Jesus*"

#### VBS- Alison Wade

Our VBS this summer was everybody coming together. The curriculum we used from Answers in Genesis. It was so meaty and good, we loved it. We are keeping with that same company and using Answers in Genesis again. This next summer we have the Keepers of the Kingdom VBS, It is focused on the Armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-6:18. A preview of each day was shared. Alison is taking input on dates and other ideas.

Cindy Wade will be helping with decorations but looking for hands to help. Amanda Grecni will be planning out food and snacks but will need someone to fill that area. Tia Hicks will be heading up the craft area. We are looking for many hands to serve the children and families during this event.

Dave Sonenburg- West Lansing Church, he's pretty sure did this VBS last summer. Check in with them for resources, ideas, and suggestions.

Last year's VBS started the launching point for lots of kids asking questions about God and how to follow Him. There is a family that has started to attend regularly through VBS as well as another one that has shown interest.

Lorie Walton let us know that Luke will be getting married in July. He will not be available unless we plan just right.

#### Ladies Ministry- Alison Wade

- Sunday mornings there is a class that takes place at 9:30 in the library
- Monday evening the ladies meet at 6:30 at Michelle Hubbard's house
- Tuesday afternoon a new group is meeting to study. They are meeting from 11:30-12:30 and studying a book called, Reality. They study will be lead by Lorie Walton
- Tuesday, once a month Joyce Tanner is leading a group teaching sewing and quilting skills.



#### Minister's Update- Shawn Hubbard

- Our focus for the fall is discipleship
- Education has started back up but he is not too busy to call and meet with you. Please feel free to leave him a message and let him know if you need a call back.
- Shawn formerly introduced Luke and encouraged the congregation to meet him personally and get to know him.
  - We are in partnership with GLCC for his internship. His internship is not strictly restricted to our children's ministry. The internship covers all facets of ministry. We will be seeing him preaching a sermon in the future. We will be hearing updates on his progress as he learns. Shawn and Luke meet weekly to discuss education, the youth group, and what they want to do in the future. Some of this is formally documented and others is casual.
- Shawn continues to take advantage of retreats, conferences and learning opportunities locally but also in Indiana.
- Thinking ahead to Christmas time, We will have a normal service on Christmas Eve. We will also have a real candle lit service on Christmas Eve in the evening.
- Moving forward we are continuing to grow, change and disciple with action.
- Office hours are Tuesday's and Friday's but he is also available after hours. Please contact him to set up an appointment.

#### Elder's Report- Dave Walton

- Dave and Shawn continue to meet weekly, usually Thursday around 5pm at the church. They pray, discuss business, plan...etc. Their meetings have an intentionality. They do make plans but they are with a greater perspective.
- The administrative team was expanded to include more perspectives. Devotionals and prayer have been integrated into the beginning of the meetings.
- The deacons have been tasked with contacting sections of the congregation to keep in contact with. Expect calls and please bless them with ways to pray for you so we may lift up our congregation together.
- The Elders are looking to gain deacons. If you are interested in becoming a deacon, please contact Dave or Shawn with more information.
- We have new congregants attending with us every Sunday, please direct anyone interested in becoming a member to talk to Shawn and Dave.

Pauline Borgman asked a question about the expansion of the administrative team.  
Who are the new additions to the team?



- All four of our deacons were added to the team. We have our treasurer, Amy Radabaugh and Secretary, Amanda Grecni

Diane Mayes asked if we could include ways to become a member into our bulletin. We will look into including this on our back page.

Lorie Walton encouraged us to meet outside of church to get to know new attendees. We were also encouraged to find ways we can help serve the church.

#### Admin Team Update- Will Wade

- Next week is camping. 16 spots have been signed up for. On Sunday, next week do not meet at the church building. We will be holding service at the campgrounds. Pauline will deliver the bulletins.
- Judy Hose asked, How do we get into the campground? Various directions were shared on how to access.
- The team is looking into updating our sign out front with an electric sign
- There are many camps and retreats available for adults.
- We think about sponsoring families for Christmas, the idea was brought forward to look into Operation Christmas Child or putting together a box to bless our missionaries we are already supporting.
- There is a hymn sing coming up

Pauline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Luke Carnahan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm