

**Beach Lake Free Methodist Church
Annual Society Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2018, 11:39 AM**

Pastor Scott Brodd called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

- Set a bar – all partners on right, non-partners on left.

Roll Call – taken by way of a sign-in sheet as per last year’s society meeting change to BLFMC’s Bi-Laws:

- Partners/Members in attendance: 45 out of 78 present
- Friends of BLFMC (non-partners) in attendance: 4 non-partners present

Tellers/nonmembers: Herm Krug, Gregory Britton – handed out ballots to all partners/members.

Election of BOA and BOT:

- All previous BOA members were nominated for the year 2019 with the exception of the following:
 - John Williams and Tim Fila will be stepping off
 - Billy Buselli and Cathy Phillips were nominated to take the member at large positions vacated by John Williams and Tim Fila
- All previous BOT members were nominated with the exception of the following:
 - Gary Sligh will be stepping off
 - Tim Dutton was nominated to take the place vacated by Gary Sligh
- **Nomination committee:**
 - Brad Myers
 - Gary Sligh
 - Cathy Phillips
 - Pastor Scott Brodd
- **Pastor Scott gave a brief explanation of the function of the BOA and the BOT:**
 - BOA has a term of 1 year
 - BOT has a term of 3 years
- **Cemetery Board Nominations:**
 - Howard Barnes
 - Vera Shields
 - Ann Britton
 - Gary Sligh
- Ballots were collected by tellers (Herm Krug and Gregory Britton) and will be tallied and reported later on in the meeting.

Ministry Reports from Ministry Leaders:

- **Cindy Sue Barnes, Early Childhood Ministries:**
 - See attached report
 - Update on current curriculum and what they are doing in their respective classrooms
 - Getting parents involved at home
 - Absent children receive papers in the mail at home to keep current.
 - Prayer is the backbone of the department with regular prayer warriors praying specifically for this ministry.
 - 51 students total are enrolled
 - There is a great need for more space to accommodate all of the children that they teach and care for.
- **Helene Chappell, Children’s Ministries Director:**
 - Christ is number one and incorporate this message and prayer in Children’s ministry
 - Children’s Church, Sunday, Kids Connection, Wednesdays, Various ministries throughout the year.
 - Seeking new teachers to help with the great need of weekly lessons, etc..
 - Sunday mornings consist of songs and worship, sword drills, learning the Bible “Discipleship in Action”
 - Small Groups sessions
 - Overview of curriculum and various tools for parents to use with their children at home (Studio 252) to help reinforce what is being learned on Sundays.
 - Kid’s Connection:
 - Nursery is available – Vera Shields
 - Bible lessons and games, etc...
 - Highlighted, VBS, Easter and Light the Night, Christmas Craft Workshop, are a few year round events.

- Reports over 50 kids enrolled and approx.. 40 in staff
- Thanked the teachers for all of their hard work and dedication.
- Strongly encouraged families to join together at these fun events to build each other up and encourage one another.
- Ultimate goal to seek first God's Kingdom
- **Marissa Fasshauer, CrossWalk Youth Ministry Director:**
 - Thankful for the opportunity to be the youth director
 - Other teammates, Gabriel Cook and Colin Hauseman – thankful for their dedication and help with the youth
 - Approx. 5-10 teens per week – it varies from week to week.
 - Personal growth is happening among the teens
 - The teens are growing in their prayer life and in making it more personal and genuine.
 - Update on current curriculum
 - Scripture memorization is encouraged
 - Various events throughout the year to continue to encourage each other and build each other up, while having a fun time together and learning about God's word and it's relevancy to their lives.
 - Looking for ways to reach the unreached teens in our area – outreach.
 - Looking to include more guy/girl specific events going forward.
 - Hoping to start a mentorship program for each teen in the church.
 - Possible missions' trips
 - Please continue to pray for this ministry
- **Lori Glossenger – Women's Ministry:**
 - Excited to report that it's alive and well – seeking God's direction as they plan meaningful events.
 - Thankful for their Board of women working together
 - Working hard to continue to build bridges with all other church ministries
 - Spring retreats – personal reflection, seeking God, and connection with other women
 - Bible Studies – main focus, learning how scripture can help guide us on our walk among many other things
 - Allowing women to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.
 - Ultimately praised God for His wonderful work in this ministry.
- **Nancy Williams – Care Ministry:**
 - Goal is to make sure the needs of the congregation are met. We cannot meet needs if we don't know what they are. Asked the partners to keep the Care Committee informed of any present or future needs that may arise within the congregation.
 - A few examples of ministries under the CARE umbrella/Needs that have been met:
 - Rides to hospitals
 - Meal Ministry
 - Share the Wear
 - Prayer Shawls
 - Card and basket ministry
 - Future goals:
 - Cards made available for encouragement
 - Singles ministry

Pastor Scott opened the floor for any questions: None at this time

State of the Church Address – Pastor Scott:

- We are tired of our debt and have taken big steps to reduce and get rid of it entirely (possibly by the end of 2019)
 - Approx. \$53,000 has been given this past year
 - Current balance is just over \$30,000
 - Debt started at \$110,000
 - Currently, 4% of all weekly general giving goes toward debt reduction in addition to the regular monthly payments.
- **Finances directed toward our global mission:**
 - Supporting missionary families in Kenya, Asia, Bibles have been distributed, local mission events have taken place, to name a few.
 - Approx. \$25,000 has been given in 2018
 - Looking for that number to grow in 2019
- Spending is right in step with our income
- Attendance is around 125 per week (average)
- 7 Small groups meeting throughout the week (approx. 50-60 ppl involved)
- Many people have stepped into roles of discipling

- 78 partners as of this morning (55 with the addition of 22 and one transfer)
- Salvations 6 for 2018
- Looking to the future (goals):
 - Elders will take on more responsibilities in 2019 to help care on a deeper level for the church
 - Looking to implement a team of deacons
 - Assembling a men's ministry counsel
 - Complete his ordination – personal goal
 - Development of a preaching team
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Questions: None at this time

2019 Budget Proposal/2018 Finances:

- Budget packets given 2 weeks prior to meeting and transparency for all finances
YTD report
- Proposed 2019 budget
- Pastor's salary has remained the same – any increase or decrease is compensation for health insurance.
- Questions directed to the BOA in regards the budget:
 - Ryne Spaulding – How do we get to a zero-deficit budget/ \$800 – can we shave off anything else from any budget line items.
 - Bob Pintler – thankful to see a \$10,000 decrease in the overall budget for 2019
 - Neil Maloney – is the pastor's pension is invested?
 - Ryne Spaulding – commended the BOA for focusing on the debt reduction. Can we tackle getting rid of it entirely through fund raising or other various means.
- **Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2019: Sean Reager Seconded: Chris Cox All in favor/ Motion passed**

Cemetery Board:

- BLFMC and BLUMC are caretakers for the Beach Lake Cemetery and the Board oversees it.
- **Motion to take away term limits for the Cemetery Board with the understanding that they may resign at any time and will be asked on a yearly basis if they wish to continue: Chris Cox Seconded: Colin Hauseman
All in favor/Motion passed**
- **Each respective Board has three members and one secretary – clarified by Cindy Sue Barnes. Current Cemetery Board:**
 - **Howard Barnes, Board Member**
 - **Ann Britton, Board Member**
 - **Gary Slish, Board Member**
 - **Vera Shields, Secretary**

Floor opened to comments/questions:

- Mary Ann Ostrander: Commended the Board for working hard at debt reduction
- Greg Mihalik: Where is the cemetery and what is maintained by the Board?
 - Vera updated with steps taken to keep it maintained

Announcement of Elected Leaders:

- Pastor Scott shared the results: All BOA elected as nominated and the BOT is elected as nominated.

Questions:

- Helene Chappell: Proposed that a new ballot be discussed for next year to perhaps offer a greater selection.
 - We will research the Book of Discipline for further direction.
 - Further discussion/clarification about how nominations occur and are handled.
 - **Motion to task the BOA and two non-BOA members to come up with a proposal for a new ballot system to include additional choices and to be decided upon by the partnership at a future society meeting: Mary Ann Ostrander Seconded: Angela Britton All in favor/ Motion passed**

**Motion to approve the annual society meeting minutes at a later date: Angela Britton Seconded: Ashely Beddetti
All in favor/Motion passed**

Pastor Scott closed the meeting in prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: Vinnie Reilly
All in favor/Motion passed

Seconded: Mary Ann Ostrander

All in favor/Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan L. Reager, BOA Secretary