

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
SPRING CONGREGATIONAL FORUM  
APRIL 6, 2014**

- I. ATTENDANCE:** Approximately 40 persons
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator Melinda Carlson @ 11:45 am
- III. DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER:** Led by Bernetta Kile.
- IV. AGENDA:** The proposed agenda was accepted as presented in the Forum Booklet
- V. MINUTES:** The minutes for the Forum of November 03, 2013 were approved after changing “life expediency” to read “life expectancy” in item VIII, D,6.
- VI. SECOND READING OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION:**  
Roy Rollman presented the second reading of the proposed changes to the constitution as printed in the Forum Booklet under date of the first reading on November 3, 2013. All presented items are now a part of the current Constitution.
- VII. TEAM REPORTS:**
- A. Roy Rollman noted that the “Christ Disciples Assembly” meet in our chapel on Sunday between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. It was also noted that Terry Wueschinski should have been included in the Leadership Team Report as a retiring member of that Team.
- B. Roy Rollman updated the Facility Care Ministry Team report by sharing the following information:
1. Charlie Murr is still recuperating from illness and not working.
  2. The door replacements, narthex window replacements and woman’s restroom project will begin on July 7, 2014 and should be completed in 3 weeks.
  3. Sealing the parking lot and painting parking lines will be accomplished after the yard sale. June-July time period.
  4. Existing door keys will not work with the new entrance doors.
  5. The squirrel problem should be resolved in the immediate future.
  6. The new tree planted south of the chapel is a “fragrant Magnolia” that was presented as an honorarium.
- C. Larry Gible noted that photographs of our Deacons along with their responsibilities will soon be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.
- D. Deborah Klinedinst briefly described the STARS Program mentioned in the Child Development Center Board Report. She stated that it provides instructions to child care providers, with a focus on quality control and including an accreditation element. The program defines 4 levels and we are presently working on Level 2.
- E. Pastor Don noted that the Ad-Hoc Visioning Team has prepared revised Mission and Vision Statements for presentation to the Leadership Team this Tuesday evening. The

Team is also considering other recommendations they may bring to the Leadership Team relative to program and goals.

F. Relative to questions concerning the youth program, staff provided the following information:

1. Our youth and the Bermudian youth are not presently conducting joint activities at the request of the Bermudian's leadership. We are disappointed by this development and will continue to gently push for joint activities. However, we will continue to be respectful of the current wishes expressed by the Bermudian youth advisors.
2. There are presently 7 youth preparing to go to NYC from our congregation. However, consideration is being given to the possibility of including Sasha Yakovlyeva with this group.
3. Andy Buckwalter is looking into obtaining airline tickets for those going to NYC.

G. Sheryl Leaman presented the Treasurer Report, printed in the Forum Booklet, by highlighting the following items:

1. For the year 2013, the congregational income exceeded expenses by \$ 31,907.35. She also noted that giving had been excellent during the month of December.
2. Larry Gibble noted the reporting for the Fellowship Team should, in the future, be reported separately from that of the Hospitality Team.
3. Sheryl noted that for 2014, giving is below budget and expenses exceed the budget. The deficit is \$ 8,798.34. This has been a hard winter and that fact is reflected in the finances.
4. It was noted that the custodian's time is now split evenly between the church and the CDC. In addition, the secretary's time has been increased to 35 hours per week to reflect an increased work load authorized by the Leadership Team.
5. Sheryl explained that the "Miscellaneous Funds" reported were un-designated gifts that she placed in this "holding fund" for use as authorized.

With the herein noted additions to the printed reports, Barbara Rollman moved that all reports be approved. The motion was seconded by Deborah Klinedinst and approved by the members present without dissent.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Forum adjourned at 12:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk  
Arden Kile