

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
MAY 2019**

The Board of the Warrensburg First Christian Church met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The Trustees reported the following:

Ruth Newton Scholarship	\$	2,308.45	as of April 15, 2019
Campus Ministry		24,894.63	as of April 15, 2019
After \$350 deposited to FCC operational account for expenses			
Trustee		155,875.31	as of April 30, 2019
Following deposit of \$5,228.00			
Construction Loan:	\$	100,364.36	as of April 29, 2019

The Trustees said hopefully with the next payment, the balance will be well under \$100,000.

In the Deaconess report, they continue to need bar codes from BEST CHOICE for Woodhaven.

Membership and Evangelism is organized to make visits for Carnation Ministry and to prepare Coffee Fellowship this month. It was confirmed our church is the official winner of the "Souper Bowl" trophy for 2019. Congratulations to all!!

The Property Committee reported all four doors into the Christian Life Center have been modified so the doorstep will no longer be needed. It was reported there are still leaks. When the weather changes, the group will begin to re-caulk all windows in the Education Wing.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will be visiting shut-in and care center friends the first of May. This is a planned event which is done twice a year. They will be voting on officers for the upcoming year at the next meeting. All women of the church are always welcome to attend.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will meet in June and look at the budget.

In World Outreach the following giving was reported:

BMF Disciples/Mission fund	\$	768.36
Mid America Region		384.18
Food Center		<u>128.06</u>
	\$	1280.60

In the Worship Committee report, Lyman Hannah gave a report concerning the need for a Pipe Organ Restoration. In summary, he gave history of the pipe organ and said it has been a central focal point in the church since 1890 when a small pipe organ was installed. This original pipe organ was replaced in 1920 when women of an organization in the church gave the church an organ with 754 pipes.

In 1972, local resident Michael Quimby of Quimby Organs was contacted to build a contemporary pipe organ using components from the previously updated organ. This new organ contained 1,072 pipes of which 251 were from the 1920 organ. These visible pipe works include 17 of the original large speaking pipes. It was explained these pipes were polished and lacquered during the recent construction and renovations in the sanctuary renovations. Michael Quimby did this work as a gift, and no repairs were made to the organ at that time.

Mr. Quimby substituted as organist for Anita Grigsby last year and at that time Mr. Quimby remarked the organ had major problems, but Anita just knows how to avoid the problems. When asked for a figure on the cost to repair the organ, a cost of \$52,981 was quoted with a 10-year warranty. Mr. Quimby also explained two tonal

changes that would include 61 new pipes made by the company that made the original pipes, and he would reorganize the existing groups of pipes to provide an enhanced sound and bring the organ into the 21st Century. The estimated cost of the enhancement would be \$6,000, but he would do the enhancement at **NO COST** to the church.

Lymann said in working order, the church's organ is valued between \$500,000 and \$600,000. If the church's organ is restored, the congregation can enjoy its sound, and its value will be retained for future generations. Lyman will be forming a committee to request donations and to conduct fundraising activities to raise the funds to restore the church's pipe organ. Please help support this project in any way you can.

In the Nursery Report, the committee reported they need additional nursery attendants, especially with the upcoming summer months with vacations and sports schedules.

The Memorial Committee reported the February beginning balance was \$2,458.52. Stamps were purchased in the amount of \$55.00 and interest earned for March was \$.39. The ending balance for March was \$2,403.91. The March quarterly statement from Quarry City Savings and loan had a beginning balance of \$757.52 and interest earned was \$.47 which leaves a balance of \$757.99.

In the Security report, the committee is working on the drama packs to be placed by the AED's.

The Playground Committee is hoping to grow new grass and will seal the arc when the weather improves.

In Future Planning, it was reported they will be reviewing information received from the committee chairs. The group will be meeting with the Elders and Trustees before providing a final report.

The By-Laws are being reviewed and the committee will be suggesting adjustments needed. The committee is planning to have a report ready early this summer.

The Ruth Newton Scholarship Committee received two applications and that committee will be meeting soon. The low interest rates paid at this time were discussed.

In informational items, it was announced Chuck Seipp, brother of Neil Seipp, will be performing a duo with the Chapel Organist from Arlington at the Presbyterian Church on May 24, 2019, at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m.

The Youth Groups visited members in the care centers on Palm Sunday. They gave them a palm leaf and a cross. The group did not meet on Easter Sunday, but they have had regular meetings the rest of the month.

The Disciples on Campus have been meeting on Monday evenings and that seems to be working well.

Pastor Jerry said the end of the Lenten Season is bittersweet for him this year. He said the Maundy Service was very powerful and is especially hard since it will be his last one here. Jerry said there was a great crowd Easter Sunday. He said the CROP WALK was successful with money raised that will stay in the community.


Cindy Gabel, Board of Secretary