



CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA  
A PLACE WHERE GOD LIVES



ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2022

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## **This Was a Chapel Season in which We Began a return to Normal**

*-President Mike Bennett report*

The Chapel Board decided before the season that in person services would be held indoors as well as outdoors. The Christmas Eve service was very well attended.

Unfortunately, early into 2022, we were compelled to restrict and eventually move services completely outside due to a sharp rise in Omicron cases in South Florida.

Recently, we were able to return inside as this spike in cases has abated. Two weeks ago, we were able to begin offering hospitality after service.

The Communications Committee headed by Chip Roach led the effort to enhance online services for those who couldn't attend in person. In March we began live streaming of the services.

One very important focus of Chapel leadership in recent years has been expanding and strengthening the core of volunteers and diversifying leadership of the organization.

Dennis Berry and Kathy Knoblauch have been elected to the Board as the terms of Mike Boris and Nathalie Pyle have expired. In addition, Ed Stringer has been elected to serve a remaining one-year vacated term and Doug Ryckman will serve the remaining two years of a vacated term.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

We truly thank Nathalie and Mike for their valuable service and advice to the Chapel. Also, Merni Libonate has stepped down from the Board and we thank her for her many contributions to the Chapel as well.

My term as President is expiring with the current term. Jake Miller will be the incoming President and I will assume the role of Treasurer. Melissa Calkin will succeed Stephanie Bissett as Recording Secretary and Valerie Tutor will continue as Corresponding Secretary.

We have included several Committee Reports in your Annual Report. I will call on those Committee Chairpeople to give brief remarks about their report.

The Board appreciates your support of the Chapel and the efforts of many unpaid volunteers that make the Chapel's services, activities, and support of area charities possible.

*This truly is a place where God lives.*

## PASTOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT



Normally this would be my final report since we are completing our third year serving Chapel by the Sea. Certainly we are blessed that our time of service has been extended one year due to Covid 19. Dealing with the fallout of the pandemic has in some ways defined the last 3 years. In March of 2020 we were instructed to shut everything down and shelter in place. On the fly, Rosemary and I decided to share a service online. The process involved recording on an I-phone, sending the finished product to Italy where Queenie eventually posted the finished product on YouTube.

In the fall of 2020 we were hoping to get back to normal. Unfortunately, Covid and its variants forced us to Worship outside and prevented us from holding a live Christmas Eve and Easter service. Thank God for Chris Bright and his crew. They were able to videotape a Worship service on Saturdays so that those who felt uncomfortable attending could still stay connected with the Chapel. So now we are about to conclude the 2021-2022 season. We have still had to navigate around Covid 19 and its variants. We began the season somewhat back to normal, then were again forced to move outside, and just recently decided it was safe to again Worship inside.

As I think of all the adjustments we have been forced to make, it is a joy to report that God continues to work in and through the people at Chapel by the Sea. Our prayer chain spreads God's love throughout the world. In the past 3 years our ministry to those in need expanded because of added funding and following through on creative ideas. One such idea was our inter-faith group. Most of the Churches on the islands collaborated on a mission emphasis focused on those who are

## PATOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

impaired and their primary care-givers. Once a month these unpaid servants provide a safe place for these individuals and families.

Chapel by the Sea is unique in many ways. We cannot forget that in spite of a pandemic that closed many doors, our doors stayed open. Daily people visit, some come and are awed by the physical plant and its surroundings. Many end up praying or just sit in silence. In the end we all can walk away singing what has become our theme song, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place"

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## PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING



**Chair** - Nancy Roach

**Committee members:** Mike Boris, Nathalie Pyle, Susen Berg, Blair Wyatt, Jake Miller, Kandi Sanger, Mike Bennett (ex-officio)

**12 Pastor candidates have applied, and we will narrow it down to 3 or 4 for final consideration.**

These candidates will be invited to come in January 2023 for a long weekend to further interview, visit the islands, spend time with us, attend Sunday service and perform a mini sermon the following Monday.

Dates of the mini sermons will be announced at Chapel services next season and by use of the Friendly Faces email list.

We plan to select the new Pastor by February 2023.

If you have additional candidates, please direct them to Nancy Roach at her email, [nancyroach43@gmail.com](mailto:nancyroach43@gmail.com)

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

*~ submitted by Mike Boris*

**Revenue from current operations are projected to equal seasonal operating expenses.**

- Increased giving has kept up with increased operating expenses.

**Spending on current operations continues to approximate in equal parts:**

- Ministry and music
- Maintenance of buildings and grounds and
- Mission outreach

**Balance Sheet now has over \$1.6 million in Endowment and Reserves.**

- Collaboratory (formerly SWFCF) endowment \$304,000
- Historic Captiva Chapel Fund \$1,337,000  
(includes \$300k Storm Reserve, and \$200k Cemetery Fund)

**The Board will distribute (when needed) up to 4% annually to cover capital expenditures and extraordinary expenses.**

- Over \$150,000 has been distributed from the HCCF for capital projects over the past few years.

**In addition to capital projects,** in the past two years the Board has approved incremental distributions of \$200,000 to specific mission outreach projects, of which \$150,000 has been disbursed to date.

**Looking forward...**

The Chapel strives to have regular on-going giving cover current operating expenses and looks to the generous support of our Chapel family, and income from the Historic Captiva Fund to cover capital projects and other unmet needs.

Capital expenditure plans include a comprehensive look at our long-term needs. We anticipate some major investments and upgrades to our properties in the next 5 years.

The Chapel community continues to share its resources to keep this historic place secure and assure its continued mission to serve Captiva & Sanibel residents and visitors.

***We thank you.***

# COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

## 2021-2022



- \* Video of the service has been seen by 1,500 people this year to date vs. 3,000 last season. In-person attendance has been 4,000.
- \* Live video commenced on 3/20/22
- \* Four new cameras and recording equipment installed at start of season in November.
- \* Upgrade in WIFI service made it possible to attempt live video@ 11AM each Sunday.
- \* Newsletter to Friendly Faces list (97 recipients Chapel “regulars”)
- \* Let us know if you want to be on our list...few times per season.
- \* Sent obit for Carol Daniels, no inside Chapel, live streaming begins, minister search.
- \* Big List – 1,500 emails from sign in book
- \* Opening of Chapel and end of season messages from Pastor
- \* Newspaper ads and flyers for major holidays:
- \* Christmas Eve (1,000 attended), Lent schedule, Easter (1,000)
- \* Posters for display on site, bulletin board
- \* Missions list of recipients, No inside, Masks, No Masks.
- \* Programs and handouts weekly
- \* Special programs for Christmas Eve, Easter
- \* Each Sunday – history, contact info, web site,
- \* Web site and Facebook page
- \* Web master plus Rosemary Marshall – Pastor’s wife.

# MISSIONS OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING



*Submitted by Kathy Knoblauch, Committee Chair*

**Committee Members:** Susen Berg, Pat Boris, Larry Marshall, Nathalie Pyle, Nancy Roach, Lynne Campean, Kathy Knoblauch, Margie Bennett, Elizabeth Fancher, and Kris Ryckman

The one-time grants, current agency donations, and scholarships were distributed for: *servicing the needs of people near & far, emphasizing children, families, and seniors.*

The Chapel Board allocated \$50,000.00 for one-time grant donations. An application process was developed, applications were received, visits were made by Committee Members, and decisions were made to determine the donations.

The following grants were **distributed in December 2021:**

Children's Advocacy Center	\$4,200.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$9,000.00
Harry Chapin Food Bank	\$5,000.00
Hope Clubhouse	\$5,000.00
Pine Manor Improvement Association	\$5,000.00
St. Matthew's House	\$5,000.00
Dubin Center	\$5,000.00
ECHO	\$5,900.00
The Quality Life Center	\$5,900.00



The Board allocated **\$50,000.00 for current agencies** that the Chapel supports.

Questionnaires were completed and visits were made either in person, by zoom, or by phone.

**The distribution was divided into two parts:**

\$39,000.00 for the ten current agencies and \$11,000.00 for Scholarships

**Current Agencies:**

ECHO	\$3,500.00
Community Housing and Resources	\$2,400.00
The Heights Center	\$6,000.00
The Dubin Center	\$3,000.00
FISH of SanCap	\$6,600.00
South Fort Myers Food Pantry	\$3,500.00
	<i>(+ \$1,200 from contingency fund)</i>
The Quality Life Center	\$7,500.00
Community Cooperative	\$3,500.00
El Hogar	\$800.00
Trailways	\$1,000.00

**Scholarships:**

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)	\$2,000.00
The Quality Life Center	\$3,000.00
The Heights Center	\$3,000.00
FISH of SanCap	\$3,000.00

*The FGCU donation is used for tuition for two students (\$1,000.00 each.) Quality Life Center, The Heights Center and FISH of SanCap use this donation for financial assistance for their summer school programs.*

# BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT



## **Committee Members:**

Jake Miller, George Campeon, Pat Slater, Ken Jacobs, Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson and his team completed numerous maintenance projects like putting up and taking down the hurricane shutters, Christmas light cables, trimming foliage throughout the property, and power washing all buildings and fencing.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS INCLUDED:**

### **BELL REPAIR**

In May, new bell support stands were installed by McShane Bell, out of St. Louis. An inspection last spring revealed that the bell support stands were rusted, moving outward and in danger of allowing the bell to fall. See photos below.



Bob Johnson secured a tow behind man lift and oversaw the repair, which went very well. After the bell was secured on the new stands, all other parts including the bell, bearings, and wheel were cleaned and lubricated. After cleaning, all existing parts, except for the bell, were painted. A new pull cord was also installed.

## **ORGAN REPAIR**

On September 15th, Lynne and Bob Dugan met with Central Music, the local Rodgers distributor. It was determined that the computer pedal circuit board needed to be replaced. A new board was approved, ordered, and installed on October 20th. Unfortunately, it did not work as other circuit boards had some corrosion. These parts were ordered, delivered, and installed week of 10/25, just in time for the start of the season!

## **TERMITE TENTING**

A termite inspection of the Chapel was conducted at the time of the bell repair. It was determined that the church had drywood termites and that tenting, and fumigation would be required.

Quotes were obtained from both Truly Nolen and Hulett and were very comparable. The work was successfully completed in early October.

## **INTERNET SYSTEM**

The parsonage and pastor's office have long been serviced with unreliable residential internet that frequently failed during Zoom meetings. In addition, high speed Wi-Fi was needed to support live streaming of services. As such, in January we upgraded the office and parsonage internet to high-speed business internet.

## **GARAGE/OFFICE**

A small in-line water heater was installed in the garage in December. This, combined with on-going increased power requirements in the building required that a new electrical panel be installed before the water heater could be put into service.

In February, new storage cabinets were installed in the garage and many of the supplies were moved from the open shelving or floor. Along with hot water, the garage is now in a much better position for a return to hospitality.

I want to thank everyone that contributed to B&G work this year, from hanging Christmas lights to cleaning the garage, we have a wonderful group of volunteers. Special thanks to Bob Johnson and his team that seem to be able to fix and repair most anything that breaks.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jake Miller,*

*Chair, Chapel by the Sea, Building and Grounds Committee*

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



## **Committee Members:**

Mike Bennett, chair; Jake Miller; Nathalie Pyle; Chip Roach

## **2022-23 Executive Committee**

President - Jake Miller

Vice President - Chip Roach

Treasurer - Mike Bennett

Secretary- Melissa Calkin

Recording Secretary - Valerie Tutor

## **New Directors**

Dennis Berry, Kathy Knoblauch, Doug Ryckman, & Ed Stringer

## **Class of 2022-23**

6th Chip Roach

1st Ed Stringer (filling one-year unexpired term)

3rd Missy Calkin

3rd George Campean

4th Ken Jacobs (filling 2 years of unexpired term)

One-year unexpired term to be filled

## **Class of 2023 - 24**

5th Mike Bennett

5th Jake Miller

Doug Ryckman (filling 2 years of vacated term)

2nd Ellen Sloan

2nd Susen Berg

## **Class of 2024 - 25**

4th Valerie Tutor

4th Stephanie Bissett

1st Dennis Berry

1st Kathy Knoblauch