

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: August 18, 2015

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:04 p.m.
Present were: Treasurer – Robert Dubble
Present were: Secretary-Robert Noll**

by Chairperson – Robert Biddle

Prayer by: Pastor Randy

Secretary's Report of June 16, 2015

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of August 14, 2015

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Kenneth Wagner, Lori Martin,
Kathy Dubble, Allison Kline, Steve Krick

Ken led us in prayer.

Rob Dubble joined the group to discuss money needed for refurbishing of the church bells, a bill of \$3,323. We discussed reallocation of budget items. Another option is to consider using some of the Music CD for this purpose. Allison Kline will speak to the donor and report back to the treasurer. The money for the DVD system has been allocated and will be installed later this year.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairpersons – JoAnn Houtz, Janet Dubble
Susie Dundore, Crystal Liskey, Megan Hibshman

Youth mission trip to New York, first weekend of November. The trip is approved by the Missions and Fellowship Commission. Members of the commission will make contact with the youth leaders to see how we can help with this endeavor (money, etc.)

We discussed a planned mission trip to Dominican Republic July 23 – July 30, 2016. The goal is to finish the bathroom project that was started this year. The cost will be \$2,000. Per person cost is \$1,400. Six people have already committed. Members of this commission will reach out to this group to offer support and assistance.

Prayer Walk this Saturday, August 22nd from 11:00 – 12:00 at ELCO Middle School. Some members of this commission will participate as well as any other congregation members that choose to come.

Rally Day is September 13th. Request congregation to bring a carry-in dish (hot dish, cold dish, or dessert). This commission will provide coffee, water and other beverages. We will set up on Saturday, September 12th. JoAnn will put details in the bulletin.

Knoebels Picnic for 2016 will be June 11th. Janet will reserve the pavilion.

Pictorial Directory – We need to schedule hosts/hostesses for September photo sessions. JoAnn will contact people to request their assistance and schedule them.

Operation Christmas Child – Megan will again coordinate this project in the fall. We discussed the possibility of planning a group trip to one of the packaging sites in Baltimore. Megan is gathering information on this. November 16th is the deadline for collecting the packages.

Christian Education Commission: Co-Chairpersons – Linda Zimmerman
Lisa Maurer, Jen Murray, Grace Ziegler

September 13th is Rally Day/Fun Day Sunday. Pastor Randy will be the speaker. A carry-in luncheon will be offered and our commission will take care of the games with the help of the youth.

Bibles will be ordered for 2nd and 7th graders and will be handed out on September 13th at Rally Day. We will also have teacher recognition on Rally Day.

Since Promotion Sunday is normally held on August 30, only 2 weeks prior to Rally Day, our commission decided to combine the 2 activities this year.

Jen Zimmerman presented to our commission a request to have Vacation Bible School's budget be increased for 2016. She also offered to be in charge of the Children's Christmas Program.

As of today, we have had no volunteers come forth to serve as youth advisors and we still could use Sunday School teachers for 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade and youth classes.

Trustee and Property Commission: Chairperson - George Nagle, Dale Houtz
Duey Peiffer, Charles Krall

We are going to have Hackman Fire Extinguisher do the regular maintenance on the fire extinguishers throughout the church.

Update on air condition installation for the sanctuary: Triangle has moved and reconnected the 2 units on the roof to make room for the new one. The air handler has been shut down and work has begun on the new system. The old roof unit has been removed and the new steel support beams have been installed to support the new unit. We are currently about \$10,000 short and are asking for board approval to designate Sunday, September 13th as a special Sunday for giving toward the air conditioning project up and above regular giving. We will place something in the bulletin and make a verbal announcement from the pulpit.

There was a motion and second to approve the request from the Trustee & Property Commission to designate Sunday, September 13, 2015 as a special Sunday for giving toward the new air conditioning project.

The motion was approved by an aye vote

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Mark Bomberger, Ryan Liskey, Andrew Heisey,
Tom Hoffman

July 31, 2015

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| Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund | \$165,389 |
| Year to Date Actual to General Fund | <u>141,719</u> |
| Difference | -\$ 23,670 |
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| Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund | \$ 41,017 |
| Year to Date Actual to Building Fund | <u>39,787</u> |
| Difference | -\$ 1,230 |
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| Mortgage Balance | \$379,641 |
| Sharing Cupboard Savings Account | \$ 9,694 |
| Building Fund Balance | \$ 10,092 |
| Music Fund CD Balance | \$ 15,579 |

We reviewed Treasurer's Report as noted above, there is a shortfall on General and Building Fund. There has been considerable building repair expense this year. Most repair and replacements will save on utility costs for many years.

Pastor Devor's Report

The Church is a very busy place. Many things have been accomplished over the past two months. We have had a Baby Dedication. We have had a young family, commit to joining the Church, This was brought about by Church Secretary Toni, informing Pastor Randy about them and simply contacting them. We became aware that they were not involved in Church, she was pregnant, and Pastor Randy visited and pray for the mom and baby in the hospital. With subsequent visits and calls, at first just the Wife and her Mother, began to come, then finally the Husband; and now all three are committing to coming to Church and possibly transferring their memberships here!

There are other families that had just stopped attending. The Church Secretary would inform me and I would call on them. We have been very successful and getting families back into the Church. One such family, where the wife once again was Pregnant and the Baby was delivered in July. The Church Secretary Toni and Pastor Randy began to make contact. They had been coming but had drifted away seemingly un-noticed. Through visits, calls and prayer they are now once again committed fully back to the Church. Then there is yet another Couple, who had a son, just born last week, on August 12, 2015. Their grandmother, who is a member called Pastor Randy to inform me of the birth of her great grandson. The parents are in our Directory, but are not attenders or members. This new born baby then precipitated the reason for visiting and perhaps building a relationship and getting them into Church.

We have had those who have had Surgery or procedures: 9 different people, having more than 14 different trips in and out of the Hospital. I have been there for 7, of the people, not finding out about the other 2 until after the fact, but still praying and ministering to them when I was made aware.

I am trying to get an understanding, of the functioning of the various Departments such as Music, the Various Choirs, Sunday School, Children's Church and the Youth Group. I am trying to understand the reason, purpose, goals and hearts of those who are either the Leaders, in these various functions; as well as those involved and not involved in these things.

This has caused some to be alarmed, feel insecure; however the reason for doing this is pure of heart, in that we are all in this together for the Glory for the LORD! My motives are above reproach, I want to know what they think is working; What they think are the problem areas; What they believe to be the solutions; How can I or how can we, the Congregation, better help them? What do they need?

I am systematically doing Visitation. In the beginning I concentrated on the elder members 45 plus, mixing in some of the younger families, 25-45. I have started to now focus more on the 25-45 group, and sprinkling in the 45 plus group, and attending the Young Adults Sunday School Class to just to get to know them and build report. I went to the Knoebels Church Picnic.

I have officiated one Funeral. I am currently doing post Marriage, Marriage Counseling. I have led one Member of the Congregation in a Re-Dedication or Re-Affirmation of Salvation and am currently counseling another who fears that they have never really accepted Christ. I really want everyone here tonight to hear this. We have had two people, who have attended this Church for a long period of time unsure of their Salvation. Let us consider what we are doing.

How do things look?

I believe the future of the Church is bright. I believe we can expect good things. Oh there will be problems, and we have them. There will be rumors and gossip, and there is. We can expect that! It is the Devil, using us, dividing us to stop what God is doing. We must Stop It! We must Pray, we must look for the good in each other and not the bad, we must lay aside suspicion by going to the source before we rush to judgements. We must trust each other; stand by each other, stand up for each other, and use the Bible as our standard for our thinking, words and our actions. Anyone can complain, murmur, gossip or speak ill of another, but it takes a Real Christian to put such things to rest. And that is what we all must do.

Let us remember Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, (The Apostle Paul), do: and the God of Peace shall be with you.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

It was suggested by our treasurer, Rob Dubble, that the church look into opening up a line of credit with the bank. This would allow the church in an emergency for additional money at a lower cost interest than maybe another option.

There was a motion and second to recommend to Council to look into and open a line of credit with the bank.

The motion was approved by an aye vote

This recommendation will be discussed and action taken at the Council meeting to be held in November.

Interests & Concerns

Bob Biddle reported that he will be preparing the meal for the Contributors Dinner at Camp Swatara to be held on November 6, 2015 and also will be overseeing the kitchen for the Disaster Relief Auction being held in September 2015. He asked that if anyone would like to help serve the meal at Camp Swatara or work in the kitchen for the Relief Auction to let him know. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:29