

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: April 19, 2016**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:05 p.m.**

**by Chairperson – Robert Noll**

**Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Sr.**

**Prayer by: Pastor Jack Harpold**

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**Secretary's Report of March 15, 2016**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2016**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – Steve Krick, David Dubble,  
Allison Kline, Nicole Hauck, Pastor Jack

For Conference Sunday in July, we are considering several options for speakers. "Creation Conference" 3 day event at Schaefferstown Mennonite School, asked to lead our worship service. This will be in November of this year (November 13<sup>th</sup>). Pastor Jack will finalize the details. Worship leaders - We discussed the need to develop a list of leaders. We will develop a notice for the bulletin to recruit.

A suggestion was made to display announcements prior to the worship service. Dave Dubble will coordinate with Toni Noll.

Also, we are pursuing the idea of music prior to the service. The Music Committee and Earl Liskey will be asked to coordinate.

Go Beyond Initiative – Our commission is eager to support this project.

Search Committee formation – We want a "balance" of ages to be involved. We will be having a special meeting to do more work on this. We want to have the congregation select 4 of the 7 members.

The district asked our church to contribute money for expenses for Rev. Jinatu Wamdeo to travel to the United States. He is being recognized as Alumnus of the Year at Evangelical Seminary. We are asking for input for ways to support this cause. It was decided to put information in bulletin for persons to make a contribution to this cause.

**Missions & Fellowship Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – Janet Dubble, Susie Dundore  
Leslie Fuhrman, Kristi Keath

We started the meeting with devotions by Janet Dubble.

In June, the Good Neighbor Awards are being presented at the ELCO Middle School to 2 girls and 2 boys.

We talked about a trip to Baltimore, Maryland to pack Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse.

The church picnic to Knoebels on June 11<sup>th</sup> was finalized. We are thinking of an old-fashioned picnic for next year.

A dinner get together at Shady Maple is planned for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach programs through Go Beyond, do a gently used shoe drive and aluminum cans.

We are working on the Welcome Packet.

**Christian Education Commission:** Co-Chairperson – Judy Umbenhauer  
Lisa Maurer, Christine Blackwell, Lindsey Fouch

Children’s Day will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have special music to honor our children. Children will help with the service as well.

Graduation recognition will also be June 12<sup>th</sup>. Graduates will be given a gift card.

VBS kick off will be a Sunday in May.

We considered a summer Sunday School program for the kids classes. We will be talking to Sunday School teachers for their thoughts.

We were wondering if the church has a facebook page. Perhaps this would open communication to the facebook generation. David Dubble will pursue this.

**Trustee and Property Commission:** Chairperson – George Nagle, Charlie Krall  
Dale Houtz, Mark Landis, Jr.

Last Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, we cut down the large tree at the parking lot. We would like to thank everyone that helped.....we had a good turnout. We especially want to thank Bob Noll and Eagle Rental for the use of a lift. Whitey replaced multiple burned out light bulbs in the Sunday School rooms.

There were some issues with the heat for the nursery and other rooms off of the sanctuary. We believe the issue has been resolved after several visits from the heating company.

**Finance and Stewardship Commission:** Chairperson - Mark Bomberger, Glenn Hassinger  
Andrew Heisey

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Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	\$68,970
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	<u>43,675</u>
Difference	-\$25,295

Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	\$17,679
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	<u>14,059</u>
Difference	-\$ 3,620

Mortgage Balance	\$348,232
Sharing Cupboard Savings Account	\$ 8,747
Building Fund Balance	\$ 14,560
Music Fund CD Balance	\$ 12,266

We reviewed Treasurer’s Report.

Fulton Bank representatives gave e-tithing presentation.

## **Pastor Report**

I prepared and delivered 4 sermons and will be continuing in the Book of Ephesians for the next several weeks.

Attended Bible study 3 times, led twice. Taught Sunday School one Sunday.

Attended Deacons meeting.

Had 3 office sessions with visitors.

I noted that the pictorial directory said there were Men's Breakfasts, but I am unaware of active Men's programs. I would be interested in getting men's fellowship going.

Visits include 17 or more visits.

Among the visits were, Nancy Moyer, Walter Herr, Arlene Crouse, Mark Eberly, Tony Ondrusek (two of Arlene's friends), Carol Schwalm, Orpha Doutrich, Doris Lausch, Bill and JoAnn Rager, Iris Liskey, Mary Lineweaver, Kathryn Eckert, June Swisher, Joanne Ealy, David Wenger, Mildred Wenger (GSH) and attempted Kathryn Miller and Mary Jane Smith.

I look forward to continuing in ministry with Myerstown CoB.

Average work week is 31 + hours.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

There was a presentation by 2 members of the Fulton Bank on the e-tithing program, which is a program for automatic withdraw of tithes from a checking or savings account.

There was a motion and second and aye vote to add Jean Barnhart to payroll.

## **Interests & Concerns**

There are a lot of unsold chicken barbeque tickets that should be sold.

Bob Noll will make a schedule of the commission to be in the Gathering Place each Sunday to provide information related to the church.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 9:05 p.m.