

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: May 17, 2016**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:00 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 April 19, 2016**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2016**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – Steve Krick,  
Allison Kline, Grace Ziegler

We discussed/reviewed the list and schedule for worship leaders. A letter will be sent to these leaders to thank them for their participation.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Conference Sunday, Christopher McFadden, CEO and President of Teen Challenge, will be our speaker.

Search Committee – We are drafting a notice for the bulletin to ask the congregation to prayerfully consider who will serve on the Search Committee. Our time frame is for 2 weeks notice in bulletin, May 29<sup>th</sup> is the first week.

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

We started the meeting with devotions by Kim Horn.

We discussed Good Neighbor Award at ELCO Middle School.

Janet Dubble will contact Samaritans Purse to find out if we could participate in packing Christmas boxes.

Sign-up sheets will be in Gathering Place for Knoebel's picnic starting May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Knoebel's picnic is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

We looked into going to Radio City Christmas Show. At this time we feel the cost is too high.

Outreach Activities:

Go Beyond – Community wide cleanup Day on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Shoe Drive & Aluminum Can drive going well

Christmas in July

Activity at Susan Dowhower House tentative date is July 26<sup>th</sup>

Welcome packets are being revised

We previewed MCoB Facebook page and Church Hub

A motion has been made to commit to being a partner in the Go Beyond Project. This was approved by second and aye vote.

**Christian Education Commission:** Co-Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman  
Lisa Maurer, Christine Blackwell, Lindsey Dimond

Christa Bender, representing the youth, asked our committee for new curriculum for her class and we gave her approval. Christa thanked our commission for the additional furniture that was purchased to accommodate the increase in the size of the youth group.

Christine Blackwell reported Bible School kickoff was held and registration is now open.

We discussed Children’s Day being held on June 12<sup>th</sup> and the program has been planned and we will be having a light lunch after the service. We will be putting a notice in the bulletin and posters have been made to promote the day.

Our commission was asked by our Camp Swatara representative if a Good as Gold Certificate should be offered to someone who has left the church, but is still a member. We as a commission decided to offer the Good as Gold Certificate this particular time as he still does attend youth activities. Because of this incident, we have proposed an addition to our policy to say “To be eligible to receive a certificate, the recipient must be a regular attendee or participate in the life of the church.” We are asking board approval for this.

We decided to give the graduates J.O.Y. gift cards and a card. Lindsey and Christine will take care of this.

A motion, second and aye vote approved the change to Policy 032.

**Trustee and Property Commission:** Chairperson – George Nagle, Charlie Krall  
Dale Houtz

The wash bowl in the mens room near the Pastor’s office is leaking and too old to repair. We are planning on replacing it when funds are available.

We repaired a leak in the ceiling of the women’s restroom.

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

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Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	91,960
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	<u>58,388</u>
Difference	-\$33,422

Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	\$23,572
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	<u>19,133</u>
Difference	-\$ 4,439

Mortgage Balance	\$339,055
Sharing Cupboard Savings Account	\$ 9,513
Building Fund Balance	\$ 14,560
Music Fund CD Balance	\$ 12,266

We reviewed Treasurer’s Report.

They made a motion to start option for members to do direct debit or e-tithing through Fulton Bank.

There was a motion, second and aye vote to approve the motion,.

## **Pastor Report**

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

Led Bible study 4 times. Taught Sunday School twice.

Attended Board meeting, Deacons meeting and Music committee meeting.

Attended Go Beyond breakfast meeting and Worship service.

Ministry activities outside Myerstown COB,

Wenger Praise Banquet, Long Run COB Council meeting, Prayer service at Municipal Bldg, Prayer and Praise at Midway, Home Communion and Love Feast at Midway, counseling with couple with multiple health issues, assisted at Arlene Shaffer's funeral at Spring Creek COB.

Visitation includes 13 or more visits.

Among the visits were, Nancy Moyer, Mary Jane Smith, Pete Sanchez (Spang Crest), Anna Mae Kupp (Cedar Haven) 2, Louise Graby (Woodie's Death) Fern Behney, Wilbur Keppley, Robert and Arlene Shaffer (Wilbur Keppley's neighbor) Clara Miller, David Wenger, Leon and Eleanor Brubaker, Dennis and Sharon Seldomridge and attempted Kathryn Miller.

Average work week – 32 ½ hours

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

With the addition of the church adding a facebook page and various multi media, a committee will be formed and will report to Missions and Fellowship Commission.

## **Interests & Concerns**

None

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 9:00 p.m.