

## **Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: August 16, 2016**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:05 p.m.  
Present were: Treasurer – Christa Bender  
Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Sr.  
Present were: Pastor Jack Harpold  
Secretary's Report of June 21, 2016**

**by Chairperson – Robert Noll**

**Prayer by: Robert Noll**

**Approved at Council Meeting**

## **Treasurer's Report – No Report**

### **Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Co-Chairperson – David Dubble  
Nicole Hauck

We need to fill the pulpit on September 25<sup>th</sup> as Pastor Jack will be on vacation.  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, "Answers in Genesis" will do the morning worship. There will be no evening program.  
Nicole will set up worship leaders for September, October and November.  
We discussed options to enhance the Sunday service.  
Search Committee will meet with Craig Smith on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Janet opened with devotions and prayer.

We reviewed the commission's yearly budget.

Discussed the Prayer Walk to take place on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed Rally Day/FunDay Sunday with a carry-in meal on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will set up tables on Saturday.

We talked about participating in packing of Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse and we are waiting to see which date is available. It will be an 8 hour shift and packing is held in Maryland near Baltimore.

Discussed timeline for collecting artwork for 2017 church directory.

Reviewed the Welcome Packet and will send it to Toni to print.

Go Beyond Community clean-up day has been rescheduled for Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

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

We discussed plans for Rally Day on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will combine Promotion Sunday with Rally Day. Bibles will be ordered to be presented on that day. We discussed having a "Bless the Backpacks" for our children and to give teacher recognition.

We have contacted some teachers and will be contacting them all concerning returning in September.

Vacation Bible School was a success again this year with a record attendance of 76 children

Our commission is asking direction from church board concerning if we should ask for waiver of liability for attendees in the result of accidents. Also does board feel the new addition to the Camp Swatara policy

concerning the "Good as Gold Certifications" is sufficient. It states "to be eligible to receive a certificate, the recipient must be a regular attendee or participate in the life of the church."

We discussed contacting those that serve in positions by appointments.

We discussed our budget for 2017.

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

The air conditioning unit that serves the Kid Zone downstairs has quit working. This is the original unit and not worth repairing. When funds are available, we will upgrade the system.

We received a letter from the Red Cross for an updated list of contacts from the church for emergency shelter.

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

### **Pastor Report**

I prepared and delivered 7 Sermons and will be concluding the series from 1st Letter of John and begin a series from Romans.

Led Bible study 6 times. Taught Sunday school five times.

Attended 2 Board meetings

Attended Bible School 4 evenings.

Conducted several pre-marriage counseling with two couples

Ministry activities outside Myerstown COB, Myerstown Pastoral Association

Visitation includes 27 or more visits.

Among the visits were, Orpha Doutrich, Arlene Crouse, June Swisher, Bill and Edna Yoh (GSH), June Swisher (Cedar Haven), Bender Family (GSH), (Town Center) Ray Sattazan, Wendy Asper, Mark Ziegler, and Iris Liskey, (GSH) Edna Yoh, (Lancaster General) Mary Lou Wagner, (Manor Care) Mary Lineweaver, and David Wenger, Shirley Ritzman, Bill and Edna Yoh, Nancy Moyer, Harvey and Betty Jane Berger, and Anna Mae and Michael Snyder.

I enjoyed brief visits with folks at Myerstown COB Pizza Hut Evening.

I am planning to start a men's prayer breakfast in September. I would appreciate input on time, day of the week, how often, and where.

Average work week – 36 hours which included Annual Conference Week. I spent most of the week of July 24 recuperating from my injuries from my accident.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

We will continue with having a commission member be in the Gathering Place if anyone has questions or comments.

## **Interests & Concerns**

September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. is a Women's Fellowship meeting. See Leslie Fuhrman for information.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:48 p.m.