

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: September 20, 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 August 16, 2016

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Prayer by: Pastor Jack

Approved at presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report – No Report

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble, Steve Krick
Allison Kline

Our commission reviewed the suggestions offered by a regular attendee. Pastor Jack will be visiting with him to discuss in further detail.

From the Search Committee.....Nicole Hauck had provided information regarding congregation surveys. 42 were received. This will be uploaded to the District website this week to complete the profile process. The next step will be to receive pastor profiles.

There will be a vacancy on our commission as Allison Kline completes her term this year.

We discussed District Dues as part of the budget. Membership numbers are reported at the end of the year. The Deacon Board estimates we have 232 active members with several more being added. This also impacts Bethany Seminary and Elizabethtown College contributions.

Spiritual Enrichment Sunday will be the second Sunday of November. "Answers in Genesis" will coordinate the Sunday School and Worship times that morning. We will provide more details closer to this special event.

Pastor Jack will check with community colleagues regarding a Thanksgiving Eve Service, if one is being planned.

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

Kristi had devotions.

We reviewed the 2017 budget. We discussed reallocating \$2000 for Special Concerts fund to the Pastor Search Committee budget for this year.

This was approved by motion and aye vote

We reviewed the schedule for dates that our commission needs to cover the "Board Table" after church. We are ready to proceed with Operation Christmas Child. Information was received and will be put in the bulletin on October 2nd and October 23rd. Deadline for boxes is November 13th.

The trip to the Processing Center for Operation Christmas Child is November 28th. We have 19 people from our church and we are partnering with Harvest Bible Chapel. We are allowed 40 people.

Advent Activity – Reverse Advent Calendar....each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a food bank (Sharing Cupboard).

Caitlin Smiles Playdoh collection will be October 23rd – November 20th. Collected playdoh gets added to goody bags and donated to children who are hospitalized.

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

Our meeting opened with devotions and prayer.

We talked to Christa Bender about Youth Sunday and it was decided to have it October 16th. The youth will be in charge of the service followed by a luncheon provided by the youth as a fundraiser for the upcoming New York City Mission trip on November 10th – 13th.

Rally Day on September 11th went well. We had a blessing of the backpacks and teachers were asked to rise and receive a blessing. Bibles were presented to children going into 2nd grade and 7th grade. We have introduced the walk and talk challenge to walk to Bethlehem till Christmas. A carry-in luncheon followed the service and was very well attended.

We discussed the children's Christmas program to be held on Sunday, December 11th and are looking into planning something.

We discussed the budget and decided to up the Camp Swatara Scholarships to \$1,500 and decrease the amount to Camp Swatara per member amount by \$500.

We put \$300 in the budget for seed money for Kid's Club.

We reduced the small group curriculum by \$200 and reduced the Sunday School supplies line by \$1,300.

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

The air conditioning was repaired.

We talked about painting light poles and gas lines.

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

Pastor Report

I prepared and delivered 5 Sermons.

Led Bible study 5 times.

Attended Board meeting, Spiritual Nurture meeting and Music Committee meeting.

Conducted several pre-marriage counseling and conducted a Wedding

Visitation includes the following:

June Swisher, Mary Lineweaver, David Wenger, Nancy Moyer, Harvey and Betty Jane Berger, Jim Stroebel, Ken Dissinger (HMC), Kathryn Miller, Michael and Crystal Leahy, Jessica Singer and Children.

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

The first men's breakfast was held at Dutchway, September 17, with 10 ½ men and a young child in attendance. We talked about the possibility of doing some ministry for members of the church and maybe some outreach beyond. We will be meeting again on October 15th for breakfast and further planning. I am excited about the possibilities.

Average work week – 33 1/2 hours. For two weeks, Aug. 22 – Sept. 3 I was not feeling well and did not get in full weeks. I didn't keep accurate record of time or visits during that two week period. These were not reflected in my average.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion to buy an Office program for up to \$300 or less if possible. Approved by aye vote.

October 31st is Council Meeting. It is Trick-or-Treat for Lebanon County. It was moved and approved to change Council Meeting to Monday, November 7th.

Interests & Concerns

November 13th during Sunday School and Worship will be Spiritual Enrichment Sunday. "Answers in Genesis" will be the "Story of Creation".

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:35 p.m.