

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren  
Council Minutes  
Monday, June 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Devotions by: Ron Brubaker**

**Article 1. Approval of Council Minutes from:**  
Monday, March 6, 2017 (Pg. 1 - 9)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 2. Treasurer's Report**  
a. Budget – January to April (A1 – A4)  
b. Building Fund - January to April (A5)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 3. Church Board Reports (B1 – B8)**

**a. Ministry & Evangelism – David Dubble**

The commission is pleased with the response to the March Praise & Worship service. We express thanks to Seth Dimond for speaking and to Earl Liskey for his music leadership in the Sunrise Service. On April 9th, Teen Challenge provided the entire service with music from their choir. Children's Day was held on June 4th. Youth Sunday was held on June 11th. Thank you to both the Children and the Youth for the planning and the carrying out of the services. We thank the Transition Team for their work in bringing Pastor Marty's family to our community and church.

We discussed the need to recruit more volunteers as worship leaders.

We recommend that the number announcements be reduced during the worship service in order to preserve the time for the music and sermon. This applies to announcements already listed in the bulletin.

Pastor Marty Moyer's first service will be June 18th. Installation service for Pastor Marty will be June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The board approved the purchase of two new computers for the church office and for Pastor Marty. Total actual cost was \$1021.16.

Pastor Jack requested reduced office hours for his final 6 weeks. In addition, he will focus visitation on hospital patients rather than routine visits. Our commission fully supports this.

We are planning the program for Rally Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the possibility of joint programs for the community.

We are in need of a person to fill the vacancy in the commission due to the resignation of Allison Kline.

Our commission will meet with Pastor Marty on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

## **b. Missions & Fellowship – Susie Dundore**

As Summer approaches, we will be saying farewell to Pastor Jack Harpold with a picnic style carry in dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Thank you for him being here for over a year. Congratulations on his life in wedded bliss.

Welcome to a Christian reborn at the Myerstown Church of the Brethren. A new minister, Pastor Marty Moyer, wife Rachel, children Daniel, Benjamin, with a carry in dinner on June 25<sup>th</sup> after church.

We had a very successful Easter Breakfast around 50 people attended. A collection of \$104.00 for Vacation Bible School.

With school about to close, Mission & Fellowship Commission awarded 2 girls & 2 boys the “Good Neighbor Award” in the ELCO Middle School. Children who do good deeds through the school year.

July 13<sup>th</sup> we are going to the “Susan Dowhower House” in Lebanon to celebrate “Christmas in July”. We tell the Christmas story, sing carols, play bingo with prizes, bring Christmas presents for residents from the congregation. End the evening with cookies and drinks.

We are looking through the book “A short history of the Myerstown Church of the Brethren” 1708-1983. We are starting a new project to continue in the history from 1983- present.

Working with the Harvest Bible Chapel with the “Go Beyond activities for the community.

We are in need of a representative for Londonderry Village (Brethren Home) in Palmyra.

## **c. Christian Education – Linda Zimmerman**

The Christian Education Commission members, Lisa Maurer, Christine Blackwell, Lindsey Dimond, Jessica Singer and Linda Zimmerman have been busy these past few months since last Church council meeting.

Easter was celebrated with an Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the church for the children, with games, snacks and of course the egg hunt for about 35 children. Easter gifts were given to the children Easter Sunday morning.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Linda attended a Child Protection Mandated Reporter training class held at Ephrata Church of the Brethren and received the necessary information to get our church members in compliance with the state regulations for volunteers.

On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Leslie Fuhrman and Jess Singer, Bible School co-directors, presented the Bible School kickoff during the worship service. Bible School will be held Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 and anyone willing to volunteer should contact either Leslie or Jess.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we honored the children of our congregation by inviting the musical group “This Way Up” to join our worship service, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. During this service we recognized the graduates of the congregation with JOY gift cards, this year’s High School graduates were Austin Thomas and Casey Daubert and college graduate Kristi Fidler.

As a reminder, any questions about what Camp Swatara has to offer our congregation, both adults and children, should be directed to our camp representative volunteers, Mike and Crystal Liskey.

Our commission would like to thank the youth for a great job they did for Youth Sunday on June 11<sup>th</sup> and for the challenge they presented to the congregation to get involved serving others.

**d. Trustee & Property – George Nagle**

Insulation was installed above the ceilings in Men's and Women's bathrooms to keep the heat and cold stable.

Church members helped to tear out old unit from the air conditioning and heat in Youth Zone so new unit could be installed. The new unit was installed and completed and is operating.

Replaced electronic eye that controls lights in carport and sign.

With all the improvements over the years done in the church, we have saved on our electric and heating bills. We want to thank everyone for their generous support and their cooperation in trying to save heat and electric.

**e. Finance & Stewardship – Robert Noll read report from Andy Heisey**

Our commission works directly with the treasurer, counts offerings each Sunday and meet monthly at commission and board meetings.

McoB now has access to e-tithing through Fulton Bank since August 2016. The bank plan we joined allows up to twenty direct payments a month. There are seven families signed up.

There is a direct payment form in the November newsletter for interested members. No service fee is charged to members for this service. It is quick and easy to sign up.

The Church Board is also requesting council approval to transfer \$4,030 from the student ministry fund and \$2000 from Missions and Fellowship's special concerts fund budget line item to offset the additional money of approximately \$6,000 needed for moving expenses.

**f. Approval of Church Board Reports**

All Board Reports were approved by motion, second & aye vote.

**Article 4. Approval of Board Recommendation**

**a. Funds for Moving Pastor Marty**

The Church Board is requesting council approval to transfer \$4,030 from student ministry fund and \$2,000 from Missions and Fellowship's special concerts fund budget line item to offset the additional money of approximately \$6,000 needed for moving expenses for Pastor Marty.

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 5. Spiritual Nurture Board Report – Ralph Ackerman**

The Deacon Body meets on a monthly basis or as the need arises to discuss the needs of the Church congregation.

The Love Offering balance as of our May 25, 2017 meeting was \$2,658.17.

Members of the Spiritual Nurture Board continue to make visits, make phone calls, send cards, and pray for members of our congregation and others in need.

Spring Love Feast and Communion was held on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

Our Deacon Body will meet with Pastor Marty Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Scott and Kelly Reazer have requested their membership be transferred to Faith Baptist Church in Lebanon.

We are keeping the call open for new Deacons.

This was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

**Article 6. Pastor's Report – Marty Moyer**

As I write this report, I am completing my first day "on the job!" I am so happy to finally arrive here in Myerstown, after our long haul of 1400 miles from Garden City, Kansas.

I am eager to begin ministry with you as people of Myerstown C.O.B. I will plan to meet with each commission this week, and attend board meeting next Tuesday, June 20.

My first sermon will be this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, which is Father's Day! My sermon topic will be "Strong Father's For God" Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-18.

At this point in my ministry here, my goal is to meet with each commission and work with each commission. Another goal is for me to meet and visit as many people in the church as possible. I will also plan to meet with Glenn, and get familiar with the home-bound and shut-ins.

I want to thank so many people here for offering so many items for our "new home." At this point, we still have not received our belongings from the moving company. We hope to get them by the middle of the week.

Looking forward to doing ministry, and proclaiming the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ!

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

## **Article 7. Reception of other reports**

**Women's Fellowship** – Leslie Fuhrman read report from Lindsey Dimond

We had 3 women's fellowship meetings since the last council meeting.

We met to have a PMS night (Pajamas, Movie and Snacks) on March 24th. We all brought a food item to share with the group and watch the movie "God's Not Dead"

Leslie met with Scott and Lori Martin to finalize the menu for the Golden Age Dinner. It was held May 7th. The youth helped to serve the meal.

The mother daughter tea was held on April 30th. "This Way Up" was the entertainment and Scott and Lori Martin and helpers did the cooking. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Placed cards out in the gathering place to create a food box for Marty and Rachel. Leslie and Jess delivered the food the week that Marty and Rachel arrived.

Tuesday walking nights have started. Meeting at Jackson park at 7 pm every Tuesday for any women that are able to walk and talk.

A paint party will be held on July 19th. We painting with the lady from "For Paint's Sake" again. We will be creating a flip flop beach painting. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering place.

We will be going to play mini golf at Kauffman on July 25th at 7. If people want to eat first they can eat before and then after around 8 we will share in fellowship of ice cream.

Talked about starting a women's fellowship bible study. Rachel talked about wanting to start it so we will talk with her about getting one started once they are settled in.

We will be having a children's consignment sale on October 7th. If anyone knows someone that would like to sell or would like to donate clothing to the church to sell please pass along Jess Singer's name as she is heading up this fundraiser.

Talked about looking into doing a bus trip to NYC, and going to see a Christmas show over in Lancaster in the fall. Also mentioned about doing another PMS night and watching God's Not Dead 2, and planning an ornament exchange for December.

Upcoming meeting dates will be August 3, and October 5. Months where there is no set meeting date we would like to plan activity. If you have any suggestions on activities that we could plan please plan to attend any of the meetings as that is where we will be discussing upcoming activities.

Treasurer's report:

Since the March 6, 2017 meeting the following have been paid from the account:

Grumbine's flowers- Palms and Mother's Day Carnations  
Stamps for Get Well Cards  
Candy for Bingo at Londonderry Village  
Mother & Daughter Tea  
Golden Age Banquet  
Pine Ridge Maintenance for mulching and edging

**Ladies Aid** – Brenda Lentz

No Report

**Youth** – Christa Bender

We were invited to a youth service at Reamstown and attended that on a Wednesday evening as a group. We were joined by Steve and Breena Krick for this event! It was a great night of worship and definitely something we plan on doing again.

Helped to stuff eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

Held an East Flower sale.

Helped out at Tri County Worship Center for community days. Our kids were in charge of games.

Set-up and served the Golden Age Dinner.

Hosted a game night and family picnic with the mentors. Game night was a good opportunity for both mentors and youth to try and get to know one another better!

And last but not least, just held Youth Sunday.

Bi-weekly meetings we continued but with a twist. We challenged the kids each week to set-up and give the lesson, so they took turns signing up, and they mostly all rose to the challenge. We had lessons on forgiveness, fruits of the spirit, stepping out of our comfort zone, hope, luke warm Christians, and many more. It was fantastic to see what the kids brought to the table each week, and to see how the other kids responded!

For summer plans, we will do our best to keep up with meetings (working around vacations and such) and we also have planned some outings. We will be going to Faith night at the Reading Phillies with the Damaskus Road youth group, mini golfing, heading to Dutch Springs water park and also Kneobel' s. We also have an afternoon planned for a picnic and a hike.

**Fellowship Hall Committee – Earl Liskey**

**Sharing Cupboard – Dorothy Nagle**

Sharing Cupboard has been serving less fortunate families in the community for 9 years. Any family living within the ELCO School District will be served.

We would like to thank the congregation, youth and all the volunteers who helped support this cause. We go to Horning's once a month to purchase \$600 worth of groceries. We also thank the volunteers who help loading and unloading groceries.

During the months of March through May, we averaged 21 families per week, being open 4 days per month.

Thursday – 2/9/17  
Families – 15  
Adults – 25  
Children – 15  
Items – 257  
(1 new family)

Thursday – 3/23/17  
Families – 27  
Adults – 59  
Children – 23  
Items – 730  
(1 new family)

Thursday – 5/11/17  
Families – 17  
Adults – 39  
Children – 20  
Items – 441

Friday – 2/10/17  
Families – 23  
Adults – 46  
Children – 23  
Items – 654

Friday – 3/24/17  
Families – 16  
Adults – 29  
Children – 22  
Items – 425

Friday – 5/12/17  
Families – 21  
Adults – 42  
Children – 27  
Items – 615

Thursday – 2/23/17  
Families - 27  
Adults – 63  
Children - 23  
Items – 759

Thursday – 4/13/17  
Families - 29  
Adults - 59  
Children -32  
Items - 720

Thursday – 5/25/17  
Families – 20  
Adults – 44  
Children - 30  
Items – 526

Friday – 2/24/17  
Families – 20  
Adults – 34  
Children – 26  
Items – 656

Friday – 4/14/17  
Families – 21  
Adults – 40  
Children – 27  
Items – 594

Friday – 5/26/17  
Families – 12  
Adults – 14  
Children - 2  
Items – 486

Thursday – 3/9/17  
Families – 21  
Adults – 47  
Children – 19  
Items – 477

Thursday – 4/27/17  
Families – 31  
Adults – 56  
Children – 39  
Items – 821

Friday – 3/10/17  
Families - 17  
Adults – 33  
Children - 17  
Items – 474

Friday – 4/28/17  
Families - 18  
Adults - 34  
Children -23  
Items - 451

There was a motion and second to accept the above reports.

Motion approved by an aye vote.

**Article 8. Interests and Concerns**

None

**Article 9. Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.**

Pastor Marty closed in prayer.