

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: November 21, 2017

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

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary's Report

Approved as presented at October Council

Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2017

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairperson – David Dubble, Grace Ziegler

We discussed the Spiritual Revival services and what we can do to improve it. We will plan for a service for October 7-19, 2018.

The Youth will be in charge of the Dec. 31st worship service.

We discussed preparing "An Inspirational Night of Music" with groups from different churches presenting. Tentative date – September 9th.

We discussed holding another Praise & Worship Service on March 18, 2018. We will plan a similar program as we had in 2017.

Will ask Bill Litman to fill the pulpit on July 8th as Pastor Marty will be attending Annual Conference.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairperson – Janet Dubble, Susie Dundore
Leslie Fuhrman, Megan Thomas, Kim Horn

We discussed the 2018 Directory. Still need representatives for COBY'S and Londonderry Village. Rachel Moyer attended our meeting and discussed doing a Live Nativity on Christmas Eve from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. and then to have hot chocolate in the Gathering Place before the Christmas Eve Service would start at 7:00 p.m. For the Live Nativity we would read the Christmas Story from the Bible and possibly have the choir sing a song or 2.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Dec. 2nd. All are invited to help and this will be put in the bulletin. We will start to decorate at 2:00 p.m. and then have pizza and drinks which will be provided. We are asking for snacks or desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet for cookies for Christmas Eve. Our commission will supply the hot chocolate.

We are not going to Baltimore to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes this year.

We will supply refreshments for the December board meeting.

We will collect for the Susan Dowhower House. There will be a tree in the Gathering Place to place gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, hat and socks. Collection will be from Dec. 3rd through Dec. 17th.

We are planning to do "Souper Bowl" in January. This will be discussed further next month. Collecting canned goods from Jan. 7th through Feb. 4th.

Trunk or Treat pictures will be electronically sent to participants.

The Church app is available and information is in the bulletin on how to download.

Susie Dundore has created "A Short History of Myerstown Church of the Brethren"

Christian Education Commission: Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman, Christine Blackwell
Lindsey Dimond, Jess Singer, Melissa Wilson

The Children's Christmas Program will be Dec 17th during the Sunday School hour. There will be songs and reading of the Christmas Story.

We are going to move the kindergarten children down to join the 1st and 2nd grade class.

Previewed devotions for Christmas gifts for toddler, school age and teens.

J.O.Y. gift cards for teachers. Christine Blackwell will make cards.

We approved the appointments for 2018.

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

Whitey has been locking the doors and checking to see that all lights are turned off after church on Sunday's.

Who is going to be responsible?

Cleaning sidewalks during snow?

Everyone should take more responsibility on turning off lights (before leaving church) in hallways, Sunday School rooms, Gathering Place, etc.

Question about locking door going into the Youth Center during church service, since the children are in the youth area for Children's Church.

Keven Wenrich is the new outside janitor.

Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Q called to inform us if we are doing the bar-b-q in May the usual date of the 3rd Wednesday in May is not a good time for them, so we scheduled it for the following Wednesday, May 23rd.

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

No changes to the budget.

Pastor Report

Sermons: 2 (revival speaker preached on November 50)

Home Visits: 9

Hospital Visits: 9

Attempted Visits: 3

Anointings: Ruth Dundore

Funeral Visitation: For John Nauman, Sharon Kline's stepfather

Brethren Class Teachings: 3

Church Activities Attended: Community Thanksgiving service on November 19 at Stoneridge, Community Ministerial Meeting on Nov. 2, Brethren Area Minister's Fellowship in Lebanon, Attended Music Committee meeting for Christmas Eve Service, Church Council Meeting on October 30.

No vacation or sick days used for period.

Brethren Classes: I have concluded my classes on Brethren Biblical Beliefs. Classes included were Love Feast and Communion, The Authority of the Bible, Anointing and Laying on of Hands, Church Government, The Peace Witness, and Brethren and Creeds.

-Want to begin Bible Study : More information forthcoming.

-Looking for families or individuals who want to participate in the "Reading of the Advent Candle" for the four Sundays of Advent, during worship. I will prepare all the readings.

Upcoming Schedule

-Short two day vacation for Thanksgiving break. Leave Wednesday, November 22, return on Friday, November 29.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Policy #60; Page 1 – Hot buffet for between 251 to 350 people changed to 251 to 300 people – choice of one meat only. This is to lower maximum people from 350 to 300.

Approved by motion, second and aye vote.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

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