

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren  
Council Minutes  
Monday, October 30, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Devotions by: Ron Brubaker**

**Article 1. Approval of Council Minutes from:**  
Monday, June 12, 2017 (Pg. 1 - 8)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 2. Treasurer's Report**  
a. Budget – January to September (A1 – A3)  
b. Building Fund - January to September (A4)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

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

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

We are planning a Spiritual Renewal series starting Sunday, November 5th through Wednesday, November 8th. Mike Bordon from YWAM will be the speaker. Music is scheduled for each evening. We are planning to advertise in Merchandisers, Lebanon Daily News and WLBR.

We approved the request from the youth leaders that the youth be given charge of the morning worship on the 5th Sunday of months that have 5 Sundays.

We approved a Children's Story time during the Sunday service.

We discussed starting a Men's Bible study.

Worship leaders will be chosen by Pastor Marty as he needs them.

We prepared the Commission's budget for 2018.

Special services in July were: July 2: Scott Krall. On July 9 two representatives from EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) held a combined Sunday school and were in charge of the worship service. On September 10 (Rally Day), Pastor Marty consented to lead the worship service.

Nicole Hauck has resigned from the Commission. Two Commission members have terms that expire this year. Currently there are two openings on the Ministry and Evangelism Commission.

## **b. Missions & Fellowship – Janet Dubble**

Our congregation was invited to serve with OnFire Youth Ministries by working at their refreshment stand at the Lebanon Area Fair on Saturday, July 22nd. We had a good response for volunteers, and a successful night of serving hot dogs, snacks, and drinks at the grandstand snack bar while supporting OnFire.

This year, our Women's Fellowship hosted a stand at the National Night Out in Myerstown on August 1st, from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

We participated in the annual Lebanon County School Prayer Walk that was held on Saturday, August 26th at 10:00 A.M. at the ELCO Middle School. Prayer walking is praying onsite with insight. It is simply praying in the very place that we expect God to bring forth His answers. Prayer walking is meant to be a low profile affair where friends and family members stroll along and silently pray as they go.

The Missions and Fellowship Commission organized a fellowship meal following the Rally Day service on September 10th.

Pumpkin Roll making (fundraiser for Women's Fellowship) began on September 11th and continued for 5 consecutive Mondays until October 9th. The volunteer response was excellent for both the A.M. shift, when the pumpkins rolls were baked, and the P.M. shift, when they were filled and wrapped. A total of 1494 pumpkin rolls were made.

During the month of September, we collected over 100 cans of Play-Doh for Caitlin Smiles. Caitlin's Smiles is dedicated to sharing smiles and laughter with children facing chronic or life threatening illnesses. Founded in 2004 in memory of Caitlin Hornung, the non-profit organization distributes arts and crafts kits to hospitals, giving kids an outlet for creativity and the means to heightened feelings of self-worth. Children are provided with "Bag of Smiles" packages through the Creative Arts Care Program. These packages promote activities such as drawing, creative writing and sculpting. Hospital staff distributes the packages while the children are in the hospital.

Following the hurricanes in Texas and Florida, our Commission organized the collection and assembling of Cleaning Buckets through Church World Services. Through the donations from the congregation of entire buckets, individual items for buckets, and monetary donations, we were able to contribute a total of 21 buckets.

We will again be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Information is set up in The Gathering Place and boxes will be collected through Sunday, November. 12th.

An announcement was placed in the bulletin about any changes for the 2018 church directory, with a mid-October deadline for information changes. Deadline for printing of the 2018 directory is January 31, 2018.

There was a youth event on Sunday, Oct. 22nd at Grantville. The speaker was Olympic Gold Medalist, David Boudia.

A Trunk of Treat outreach event was planned for Saturday, October 28th. Rachel Moyer worked with us to plan this event. This event was publicized through the church Facebook page, as well as through flyers posted throughout local businesses. Participation from the community exceeded our expectations, with hundreds of people attending. There were 10 cars that were decorated. Hot dogs and snacks were provided, and there were several games for the children, as well as a photo booth. Our youth group manned the game stations. Every child received at least one prize.

Budget for 2018 was developed and submitted for approval.

Kim Horn is working with Rachel Moyer to develop guidelines for missions activities and social media.

Susie Dundore is going to start updating church history. She has talked to several members and will work on the history in the upcoming months.

The Missions and Fellowship Commission accepted the resignation of Kristi Keath from the commission.

Megan Thomas has agreed to serve on this commission. Approval for Megan was given at the September Board meeting. We welcome Megan and thank her for agreeing to serve.

Our Commission is looking for a representative to serve as liaison for Londonderry Village.

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

Since the June Council meeting we have been very busy.

In June the church had Vacation Bible School which we feel was very successful with many children attending. We would like to thank all volunteers involved that made this possible.

New Sunday School class attendance sheets were made and distributed and all classes were encouraged to fill them out weekly so the attendance could be recorded in our weekly bulletins. This seems to be working quite well so thanks to all classes for helping us out.

Bibles were presented to our young people on Rally Day in September.

Next July it's time again for National Youth Conference which is held in Colorado every 4 years. We encouraged all eligible interested youth and advisors to contact us if they are interested, as funds would be available in our budget to help with the expense of the conference and travel to get there. We recommended to Church Board and they approved that funds listed in the 2017 Christian Ed budget under line item "Youth Advisors Conference" in the amount of \$2,000.00 be moved to a special account so it would be available to help with these expenses if they are needed. Registration begins in January 2018 so any interested eligible youth and advisors have some time yet to decide if they would like attend. Since some of our youth are not old enough to attend, Melissa and Rachel are checking into an alternative plan for our Junior High youth.

Christa and Andy Bender resigned as youth class teachers and as Youth leaders. Melissa Wilson has volunteered to take over teaching the class and Melissa, Rachel Moyer, Seth and Lindsey Dimond have volunteered as youth advisors.

Sunday School curriculum was ordered and received and we discussed curriculum with other classes and have provided them as needed.

We received the resignation of Lisa Maurer from our commission and Melissa Wilson has volunteered to fill that vacancy. We will be in need of another member on our commission in 2018 as Linda Zimmerman has decided not to serve another term.

We approved and finalized the 2018 budget and will be working on appointments at our next meeting.

We discussed and decided we will again be giving daily devotional books to our youth and children for Christmas gifts this year, and we are working on planning the Children's Christmas program to be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

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

We replaced glass above kitchen window that was broken.

We replaced gas line in kitchen from propane to natural gas.

We replaced the wash bowl in ladies restroom.

Looking for someone to do mowing next year.

Dean Nolt will plow snow in parking lots this winter.

**e. Finance & Stewardship – 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.

Please see me if you need a direct payment form. No service fee is charged to members for this service. It is quick and easy to sign up.

Due to the resignation of the treasurer all accounts have been managed by Larry Rabold, CPA

**f. Approval of Church Board Reports**

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

**Article 4. Approval of Church Budget for 2018**

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 5. Slate of Elections from the Church Board**

- a. Nominating Committee Members
  - Two (3 year term)
  - One (2 year term)
  - One (1 year term)

There were no nominations

**Slate of Elections from the Nominating Committee (Church Board)**

- a. Church Board Chairman (1 year term)
- b. Financial Secretary (3 year term)
- c. Church Board Commissions Members
  - Nine (3 year term) 2020
  - One (2 year term) 2019

Robert Noll was nominated for Church Board Chairman.

After no other nominations from the members present for Church Board Chairman, there was a motion and second to elect Robert Noll as Church Board Chairman.

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Ralph and Mim Ackerman were nominated for Financial Secretary.

After no other nominations from the members present for Financial Secretary, there was a motion and second to elect Ralph and Mim Ackerman for Financial Secretary.

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

The following new commission members were all approved by aye vote.

George Nagle – Trustee and Property  
Timothy Fetzer – Finance and Stewardship  
Grace Ziegler – Ministry and Evangelism  
Susie Dundore – Missions and Fellowship  
Linda Zimmerman – Missions and Fellowship

Council give the Church Board permission to fill vacant positions as they are able to do so.

**Article 6. First reading to change various articles in the Constitution and By-Laws pertaining to the Treasurer position.**

Motion was made to have Larry Rabold CPA continue as our acting treasurer

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 7. Election of Delegates for Annual Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio 2018  
Election of Alternates for Annual Conference**

Nomination of Jackie Dohner and Rachel Moyer as a delegate to Annual Conference

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Nomination of Pastor Marty Moyer as an alternate for Annual Conference

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 8. Election of Three Delegates for District Conference**

Two (2 year term)

One (1 year term)

Jackie Dohner and Joyce Wagner were nominated for a 2 year term as delegates for District Conference

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Pastor Marty Moyer was nominated for a 1 year term as a delegate for District Conference

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Election of Alternates for District Conference

At this time there were no nominations for Alternate for District Conference

## **Article 9. 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 October 26, 2017 meeting was \$2,073.43.

We continue to minister by visits, phone calls, cards, and through prayer.

We are asking Council for approval for the following deacon appointments whose terms are up as of January 1, 2018. We are requesting reaffirmation of Steve and Breena Krick and Dale and JoAnn Houtz for another 5 year term.

We request Council approval for the following election of officers of the Deacon Board:

Steve and Breena Krick – Co-Chairpersons  
Earl and Cindy Liskey – Vice Co-Chairpersons  
Ralph and Mim Ackerman – Secretary  
JoAnn Houtz – Assistant Secretary

We would like to keep open the call for new Deacons. Please continue to thoughtfully pray for members to accept this call.

Prayer List and Prayer Phone Chain:

We propose to wipe clean and restart the prayer list as listed in the bulletin each Sunday as of January 1, 2018. We will keep the present list as is until December 31, 2017. We are asking that the members of the congregation contact Toni or Pastor Marty with names that should remain or be added to this list.

We also propose to set up and continue the phone prayer chain to provide prayers for those who have immediate prayer needs. We propose to set up a new phone chain list of those who wish to participate. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Gathering Place. The responsibilities of those who sign up would be to pray for those in need and make a call to the next person on the prayer chain.

These proposals would be explained to the congregation in church sometime in November.

Bread and Cup Communion was held Sunday, July 16, 2017, during the church service. Love Feast and Communion was held Sunday, October 1, 2017, child care was provided.

There have been 4 memberships received into our congregation: Melissa Wilson, Pastor Marty and Rachel Moyer and Brenda Weierbach.

Dan and Susie Auman requested their names be removed from our membership list; Dave and Nancy Hibshman request their membership be transferred to Midway Church.

We have revised the active/inactive membership list for our church. The number of active members is now 210.

Reaffirmation and approval to serve another 5 year term for Steve and Breena Krick and Dale and JoAnn Houtz.

Proposal to clean up prayer list and come up with a new time line for names to be on prayer list.

Prayer chain needs improvement and deacon board will work further on this.

The above was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

## Article 10. Pastor's Report – Marty Moyer

It has been four and a half months since I have arrived here as your pastor. Rachel and my family want to thank how much you have received us, and Daniel and Benjamin as our children. Thank you for all of the people who gave us meals during the week when we moved. We feel very much at home here!

There have been some challenges here in this ministry, but overall, I believe the church is doing quite well. I am very much impressed with the desire for the church to want to do activities. We have had an overwhelming support with Trunk or Treat, pumpkin rolls, Women's Bible Study, Youth events with the support of the church, as well as other activities.

There has been a good interest and participation with the Brethren Biblical Beliefs class. Attendance has been running between 20-40. Once this class is over, I want to begin a weekly Bible Study. Details will be forthcoming.

My goal is to continue to build relationships with the people in the congregation, through home visitation. My sermons have been focused on "Spiritual Renewal" by looking at the prayers of the Bible. My prayer is that we, as a church, will keep our focus on serving the Lord Jesus Christ, and loving each other, and serving those in our community. May God bless all of you as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ!

Upcoming Sermons: November 12: "The Day of the Lord" Amos 5:18-24. November 19: Thanksgiving Sunday, "Thanks Be To God!" II Corinthians 9:6-15.

Sermons: 14 Extra sermon for the service at Londonderry village on Oct. 11

Love Feast & Communion: October 1

Bread & Cup Communion: July 16

Home Visits: 104

Hospital Visits: 12

Work Visits: 3

Attempted Visits: 49

Home Communion: 14 (3 not able, dementia)

Funerals: 3

Assisted Funerals: 2

Funeral Visitations: 3

Anointings: 4

Teaching Brethren Class: 5 classes taught so far.

Taught Homebuilders Class: 1



## Church Activities and Commission Meetings

- Attended all Executive and Board Meetings and Council Meeting
  - Met with all commissions the first week
  - Attended all Spiritual Nurture meetings
  - Attended Music Committee Meeting
  - Led Youth parents meeting on Sept. 17
  - Attended all senior choir practices
  - Taught older kids class for Bible School
  - Attended District Conference
  - Attended Brethren Relief Auction
  - Worked at the "On Fire Youth Ministry" booth at Lebanon County Fair
  - Attended "Christmas in July at Susan Dowhower house
  - Attended "National Night Out" on July 31
  - Attended Lebanon area Ministers meeting
  - Had a table at Trunk or Treat
  - Attended "Rally Day" cover-dish meal
- Vacation Days: August 4-7, September 23-28      8 days total

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

### **Article 11. Reception of other reports**

#### **Women's Fellowship – Lindsey Dimond and Dottie Nagle**

We had 2 women's fellowship meetings since the last council meeting. There has been an average of 10 members who have attended.

On Tuesday's women who were able were meeting to walk and talk from 7-8 at the Jackson Rec Park.

Leslie and Jess set up a table at National Night Out. Passed out flyers and played games with the kids that came.

Rachel has started a women's bible study on Thursday nights. They are finishing up a series around the book "Singing in the Rain." This series resulted in a great turnout and she will continue Thursday nights with a new series on balancing after this one is completed.

We held our first kids consignment sale on October 7<sup>th</sup>. People brought their kids clothing to consign where they received a portion of the sales and women's fellowship also received a portion. Vendors were set up as well as a youth bake sale. It was a great turnout for the first time. Looking to plan another for the spring.

Trunk or Treat was held October 28<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful turnout for the first time holding this event. The church all rallied together to get supplies and man the food. Thank you to everyone.

Pumpkins Rolls were baked and orders were taken. 1,500 pumpkin rolls were made. The remaining pumpkin rolls that have not been sold will be available for sale at the bazaar.

Bazaar will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>. All tables have been sold for the floor. Baking will happen for the bake sale as well as apple dumplings.

Christmas breakfast will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am and will cost \$13.00. This includes the price of the buffet and a beverage. Also, please bring a \$1 gift for a fun game.

Treasurer's report:

Since the May 30, 2017 meeting the following have been paid from the account:

- \*Grumbines flowers: Roses for Nancy Moyer, Faye Pagan, Sandy Gassert, Brenda Mishone and Nancy Miller
- \*Upper Room
- \*Consignment Sale
- \*Pumpkin Roll Supplies
- \*Candy for Bingo at Londonderry Village

Deposits to the account:

- \*Consignment sale profit
- \*Pumpkin roll money so far

Balance on May 30, 2017 was \$6,695.42  
Balance on October 30, 2017 is \$6, 756.94

**Ladies Aid – Kitty Wenger**

We have been quilting on a quilt donated by Doris Lausch.

Shirley Ritzman has been making patches for comforters.

As there has been no income or expenditures, our balance remains at \$877.62.

## Youth – Rachel Moyer and Weston Fouch

Melissa and I are grateful for this opportunity of serving in youth ministry. Some of the things we have implemented is youth officers, newsletter every 3 months (one geared towards parents and the other for the congregation), revamping the youth mentor program, and started two Facebook pages (a closed group for youth, mentors, and parents and the other for the public). The officers are president, vice president, secretary, historian, chaplain and treasurer. President and Vice President are responsible for making announcements during church, give youth report to board and council, and do the youth business meeting with help from advisors. Secretary takes notes of our meetings and types reports for President or Vice President to give. Historian takes photos of our events and writes an article for our youth congregation newsletter. Chaplain is responsible for prayers at our events. Treasurer records our bank account with the help from a parent. For our treasury, Melissa was given permission by the finance committee and the church clerk to open a new youth account. Besides Melissa, Lindsey Dimond and Megan Thomas have access to the account. For the youth mentor program, we need three mentors for three of our youth boys and would like to see a male and a married couple as their mentors. Mentors will not only be another adult that the youth can go to. But, also, help with our youth events when able. As a mentor, you would bond with a youth during youth outings or service projects. You can help us advisors by providing snacks when needed for bible studies, opening your home for our group to come have bible study and for praying for us. If interested, please let Melissa or Rachel know.

We had our first fundraiser and kick off meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$392.25 at our bake sale. We want to thank everyone who donated and supported our bake sale. For our kick off meeting, there was 25 youth, parents and advisors that met in the gym for supper, business meeting and games. Officers of the youth group were chosen as follows:

President: Weston Fouch  
Secretary: Victoria Sanchez  
Historian: Cate Liskey

Vice President: Joel Petty  
Treasurer: Paige Thomas  
Chaplain: Nate Sanchez

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we traveled to Summit Community Church in Grantville, PA for worship and guest speaker, Olympic Gold Medalist, David Boudia. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the youth carved pumpkins, set up tables and led the games for the Trunk or Treat.

### Upcoming Events:

November 4: We will help make the noodles for the chicken pot pie supper.

November 5: Bible Study in Youth Zone

November 11: We will help serve at the Chicken Pot Pie Supper Fundraiser.

November 18: We will have a booth at the Bazaar for more fundraising.

December 3: Christmas Caroling with the Praise Team; We will have a potluck lunch after church in the Youth Zone.

December 20: Youth Christmas party with White Elephant gift exchange in the Youth Zone.

December 31-January 1: Youth Lock in at the Youth Zone; We will have bible study, games, and do service projects next day. If you know a shut-in that we can help possibly on New Year's Day, please let Rachel or Melissa know. .

We are excited for this group of young people and for this time in our church. Our big events we are working towards are National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado for the Sr High youth and a workcamp in Pittsburgh, PA for the Jr High youth. If anyone has any ideas for our youth group, please let us know. Thank you for your prayers and support!

### **Fellowship Hall Committee – Earl Liskey**

2017 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

April 1, 2017

Opening Balance \$ 3,030.71

#### Assets:

1 Banquet  
0 Wedding Reception  
2 Funeral  
Sporting Events  
Rentals

Total Assets \$ 1,996.25

Sub Total \$ 4,996.96

Check to Building Fund

Check to Budget

#### Expenses:

Food \$ 670.82  
Paper Products \$ 157.46  
Misc. \$ 1,079.08

Total Expenses \$ 1,907.36

September 30, 2017

Closing Balance \$ 3,089.60

### **Sharing Cupboard – Dorothy Nagle**

The cupboard had a generous amount of donations over the last few months from church members, friends, local churches and local businesses and therefore we only had to spend \$300 for our groceries in October from our account. The normal amount was \$600 per month at Horning's Market.

During the months of June through October, we averaged 20 families a week. That was a total of 10,361 items distributed.

We want to thank all the help volunteering and we are always looking for volunteers to help load and unload our orders from Horning's one day a month and approximately one hour each day.

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

Thursday – 7/13/17  
Families – 22  
Adults – 52  
Children – 26  
Items – 581  
(1 new family)

Thursday – 9/14/17  
Families - 12  
Adults – 30  
Children – 13  
Items – 327

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

Friday – 7/14/17  
Families – 23  
Adults – 48  
Children – 30  
Items – 550

Friday – 9/15/17  
Families – 25  
Adults – 44  
Children – 31  
Items – 690

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

Thursday – 7/27/17  
Families – 16  
Adults - 39  
Children -30  
Items - 525

Thursday – 9/28/17  
Families – 17  
Adults – 40  
Children - 22  
Items – 456  
(2 new families)

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

Friday – 7/28/17  
Families – 16  
Adults – 29  
Children – 13  
Items – 407

Friday – 9/29/17  
Families – 25  
Adults – 41  
Children - 30  
Items – 703

Thursday – 6/8/17  
Families – 21  
Adults – 48  
Children – 21  
Items – 541

Thursday – 8/10/17  
Families – 20  
Adults – 53  
Children – 28  
Items – 578

Thursday – 10/12/17  
Families - 17  
Adults - 37  
Children - 21  
Items - 436

Friday – 6/9/17  
Families - 12  
Adults – 24  
Children - 19  
Items – 477

Friday – 8/11/17  
Families - 9  
Adults - 22  
Children -10  
Items - 293

Friday – 10/13/17  
Families - 20  
Adults - 35  
Children - 16  
Items - 513

Thursday – 6/22/17  
Families – 20  
Adults – 41  
Children – 20  
Items – 512

Thursday – 8/24/17  
Families – 17  
Adults – 47  
Children – 21  
Items – 487

Thursday – 10/26/17  
Families - 24  
Adults - 56  
Children - 30  
Items - 703

Friday – 6/23/17  
Families – 14  
Adults – 28  
Children – 16  
Items – 357

Friday - 8/25/17  
Families – 22  
Adults – 45  
Children – 22  
Items – 574

Friday – 10/27/17  
Families - 21  
Adults - 39  
Children - 24  
Items - 651

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

Motion approved by an aye vote.

**Article 8. Interests and Concerns**

Whitey is having back surgery in December and needs help from his commission and others to handle all the repair items that come up on a daily basis.

**Article 9. Adjournment at 8:52 p.m.**

Pastor Marty closed in prayer.