

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren  
Council Minutes  
Monday, June 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Devotions by: Ron Brubaker**

**Article 1. Approval of Council Minutes from:**  
Monday, March 5, 2018 (Pg. 1 - 8)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 2. Treasurer's Report**  
a. Budget – January to April 2018 (A1 – A3)  
b. Building Fund, January to April 2018 (A4)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

**Article 3. Church Board Reports (B1 – B9)**

**a. Ministry & Evangelism – Steve Krick**

A Board Retreat, focusing on spiritual renewal and goal setting was proposed and initial planning was in progress. The Retreat had to be postponed due to the inability to come up with a date suitable to a majority of the Board.

We continue to contact potential commission members. We ask that anyone interested in serving on the commission contact a member of the commission for more information.

It was decided to keep Pastor Marty in charge of the worship leaders.

In pastor Marty's absence, Steve Krick filled the pulpit on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

We had planned to host Harvest America on June 10. After looking closely at the program and the planning required to host a successful experience, we decided to aim for 2019. We are in contact with "On Fire" to possibly hold it in their facility in 2019. The Youth expressed interest in viewing this year's program in the Youth Zone.

Bill Litman will fill the pulpit on July 8 while Pastor Marty is at Annual Conference. Teen Challenge Choir will provide their program on July 15<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service.

We decided to contact "Piercing Word" as a program. Grace did contact them to select a date for the program titled "Romans Highlights". This will be held October 21, 2018.

"Traditional Sound", a local Christian music duet, is being considered for a future music program.

The evening of music is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We are working on a participants list.

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

The commission is working on many projects.

We raised \$125.00 from the Easter breakfast, for the Londonderry Village wishlist. \$750.00 from our Mission Fund was given for the Brethren Disaster Relief trip to Tarboro, NC to pay for expenses. The trip was April 15 through 21, 2018. 6 people responded to help people rebuild their homes from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. We were helping the United Methodist Church.

We collected jewelry, handbags and other items for Londonderry Village yard sale which was May 31, June 1 and 2. It was very successful.

The chicken bbq at Londonderry Village is July 27 and 28. Churches are asked to bake 15 dozen Snickerdoodles. We are working with Women's Fellowship on getting together to make the cookies.

We are organizing a theme basket for the basket Auction. Our theme is "Myerstown" and we are collecting items from Myerstown companies.

June 11<sup>th</sup> was ELCO Middle School award program. We are happy to say that we gave 5 Good Neighbor Awards to students at the school. Each student was given a framed award and a gift card to J.O.Y. Bookstore.

We are looking into C.V.L. (Church Video License). The cost of this is \$135.00 a year. It is a Christian movie company. This license can be used for fundraisers, youth projects, movie nights or other ideas.

We are working on a reception in the "Gathering Place" after the worship service on July 15<sup>th</sup> by Teen Challenge.

July 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas in July at the Susan Dowhower House. There will be a list of residents names for presents. We play BINGO and have refreshments.

The mailboxes were updated and we are also revising the "Welcome Packet".

We are busy working on other projects for the future.

Have a blessed summer.

## **c. Christian Education – Leslie Fuhrman**

Since the last Church Council meeting we...

Held the Easter Egg hunt on March 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a story before the hunt, a craft and food after.

Children's Day was held on June 2. Children seemed to enjoy the program, thank you to Rachel Moyer for leading the service for the children.

Bible school is going to be the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018. Leslie Fuhrman and Jess Singer are the directors and are still looking for helpers to help if anyone is willing to give a night or two, or even all 5 nights. This is always a well attended event and great outreach to the community.

Our commission would like to thank all the teachers that are currently teaching the Sunday school classes. We are also looking for anyone that is willing to help substitute on a Sunday morning in the event that a teacher can't be present. If you are willing, please see a member of the Christian Ed commission.

Melissa Wilson has resigned from this commission.

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

The sink project in the kitchen has been completed. Thanks to volunteers for their help.  
We are checking into adding insulation to the walk-in refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen to try to lower the electric bills.  
Repairs were made on the urinal at gym.

**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.

**f. Approval of Church Board Reports**

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

**Article 4. Election of Alternates for District Conference**

Pastor Marty cannot attend District Conference now.  
We currently need a delegate. Jay Lentz has agreed and was approved by motion, second and aye vote.  
Grace Ziegler is going to be asked to be an alternate; and if she declines, Janet Dubble will be an alternate delegate.

**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 31, 2018 meeting was \$483.58.

We continue to minister to members of our congregation and others by visits, phone calls, cards, providing meals when needed, and through prayer.  
Spring Love Feast and Communion was held on March 25, 2018.  
The Phone Prayer Chain has been organized and is in use.  
We continue to keep open the call for new Deacons.

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

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

for the period between March 6 – June 11, 2018)

Sermons: 11 (no sermon for youth Sunday, May 6 moving weekend, children's day)

Love Feast and Communion: March 25

Sermon for Community Good Friday Service at Poplar Ridge

Home Visits: 17

Home Communion: 15

Total Home Communions Served: 15

Hospital Visits: 27

Attempted Visits: 16

Funerals: June Swisher, David Roth.

Graveside Service: Linda Stroebel's mother

Funeral Visitation: Madalyn Naaman (Sharon Kline's mother)

Anointings: 1 (Crystal Leahy)

Bible Studies Taught With Rachel 10 (Men's and Women's)

Sunday School Classes Taught: 2 (homebuilder's class) 1 assisted in Youth S.S.)

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual Nurture (2), Music Committee

Vacation Days Used: 1 for moving

Sick Days Used: 0

**Church Activities and Commission Meetings**

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Church Board Meetings
- Choir Practices
- Youth Taco Bar
- Sunrise Service and Breakfast
- Awards Ceremony: Elco Middle School

**Upcoming Schedule**

Helping With Bible School: June 24th – June 27th.

Vacation: June 28-29th, September 30 – October 6th

Annual Conference: July 4 – 8th. Gone Sunday, July 8th

Teen Challenge: Coming to do our worship service on July 15th. (no sermon from me)

**Upcoming Sermons:**

June 17th: Father's Day, "Save, Lord!" Psalm 20

June 24: "The Storm!" Mark 4:35-41

July 1: "His Compassions Fail Not!" Lamentations 3:22-33

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

### **Women's Fellowship – Leslie Fuhrman**

We are going to be going on a mini golf night at Kauffman's chicken bbq on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6 for dinner with golfing to follow at 7. There are still t-shirts available for purchase. Please see Leslie or Jess after church to purchase a t-shirt.....cost is \$10.00.

We will start walking on Monday nights on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will walk from 7-8 at the Fairlane Park. All are welcome to come to walk and talk.

National Night Out is August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a table and having large yard games for the kids as well as balloons with our church info on them.

We are providing money for lunch for the youth Boston trip on the way there and on the way home.

The mother/daughter brunch was held and was successful. Grace and her committee did a nice job planning and organizing.

The bazaar planning is underway and there are different committees for the different areas.

Since the last council meeting on March 5, 2018, the following have been paid from the account:

- Donation to the Love Offering
- Grumbine's Flowers for palms
- Fellowship Hall Committee for refrigerator repairs
- Candy for Mother's & Father's Day
- Upper Room
- Eagle Rental for Consignment Sale
- Little Mountain Printing for t-shirts
- Candy for Londonderry Village BINGHO
- Pine Ridge Maintenance for mulch
- Expenses for Mother's Day Brunch and Golden Age Dinner
- Son Shine Praise Puppets – entertainment for Mother's Day Brunch
- Consignors for Consignment Sale

Deposits to the account:

- Last deposit for pumpkin rolls
- Consignment Sale
- Mother's Day Brunch Ticket sales

Pumpkin Roll profit for 2017 was \$9,970.45

### **Ladies Aid – Kitty Wenger**

No report

## Youth – Leslie Fuhrman

Our youth have been very active since our last council meeting, In March, we had a youth meeting to prepare for Youth Sunday in April and stuffed eggs for the Easter egg hunt. We also had a Glow in the Dark egg hunt with our youth and upcoming youth. In April, we had 2 youth go to Bridgewater College for Roundtable. The theme was Unsinkable Faith. We had a fundraiser at the volleyball tournament and taco bar/hot dog appreciation dinner. We participated in the District service project at GAIN. We helped make pads for women in our countries, had pizza for lunch, did an Amazing Race car game and finished with ice cream at Mountville Church of the Brethren. For Youth Sunday during worship our topic was on fear and Melissa gave a sermon based off the scripture the youth picked out. We also enjoyed doing an emoji skit for the children's story. For Youth Sunday in July, the topic is on peace and Abby Zimmerman has expressed interest in doing the sermon.

In May, we helped serve at the Golden Age dinner and had a Flower Sale fundraiser. At our youth meeting, we had a Bible lesson taught by Weston and played a game called "Wear or Dare". On June 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a pool party at Ruth and Susie Dundore's house with the youth, upcoming youth and their families. This summer includes the Jr. High mission trip to Boston from June 17 through 22 and National Youth Conference from July 21 through 26.

As we move forward, Melissa and I request a leave of absence. There needs to be guidelines in place for youth advisors in our constitution before we can proceed as advisors. We enjoy ministering to our youth and will continue being their youth Sunday School teachers. Any questions, please see Melissa or myself.

Due to some recent questions regarding the structure, roles, and responsibilities of our youth advisors, it was determined that guidelines need to be developed. The Christian Education Commission will begin the task of developing goals, guidelines, policies, and expectations for our youth and youth leaders. Co-advisors Rachel Moyer and Melissa Wilson have requested to take a leave of absence from their roles as youth co-advisors, In the interim, current co-advisors Seth and Lindsey Dimond will continue to lead our youth. They will be assisted by Matt and Karen Sanchez. Thanks to everyone for their support and cooperation as we move forward to solidify our youth ministry.

Rachel Moyer and Melissa Wilson have requested leave of absence from being youth advisors. This has been accepted and approved by a motion, second and aye vote.

**Fellowship Hall Committee – Earl Liskey**

2018 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**Sharing Cupboard – Dorothy Nagle**

We would like to once again thank everyone for the generous support of our Sharing Cupboard by donating food and monetary contributions over the last few months.

Thanks to all the volunteers and we are still looking for volunteers to help load and unload our orders from Horning's 1 day a month (always a Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.) which takes less than 1 hour.

During the months of March through May we averaged 83 families per month, being open 4 days a month.

A few months ago we had a donation of celery from a truck driver. He had 400 cases of celery (14 stalks to a case) that he needed to get rid of. We took 10 cases and he asked whether we know anyone else that would take the rest. We contacted Horning's Market and they took the remaining cases. Horning's donated \$1,000.00 to the cupboard for the celery, which they gave as credit for the groceries we buy each month. We also received a donation of \$270.00 for the celery from the Elizabeth Food Market.

Thursday – 3/8/18  
Families – 17  
Adults – 42  
Children – 14  
Items – 480

Thursday – 4/12/18  
Families – 16  
Adults – 31  
Children – 19  
Items – 425

Friday – 5/10/18  
Families - 21  
Adults – 40  
Children – 21  
Items – 578

Friday – 3/9/18  
Families – 20  
Adults – 38  
Children – 17  
Items – 632

Friday – 4/13/18  
Families – 30  
Adults – 60  
Children – 21  
Items – 649

Thursday – 5/11/18  
Families – 21  
Adults – 39  
Children – 21  
Items – 5654

Thursday – 3/22/18  
Families - 11  
Adults – 25  
Children - 4  
Items – 285

Thursday – 4/26/18  
Families – 24  
Adults - 54  
Children -30  
Items - 687

Friday – 5/24/18  
Families – 17  
Adults – 39  
Children - 13  
Items – 458

Thursday – 3/23/18  
Families – 32  
Adults – 60  
Children – 30  
Items – 834

Friday – 4/27/18  
Families – 18  
Adults – 37  
Children – 16  
Items – 503

Thursday – 5/25/18  
Families – 22  
Adults – 47  
Children - 20  
Items – 349

### **Other**

At this time we are almost certain that we do not need a 3<sup>rd</sup> advisor for National Youth Conference. However, it was approved by a motion, second and aye vote that if a 3<sup>rd</sup> advisor is needed for National Youth Conference, the funds will be paid from the Fellowship Hall Committee.

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 8:00 p.m.**

Pastor Marty closed in prayer.