

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren
Council Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

Devotions by: Ron Brubaker

Article 1. Facilities Rental Request Presentation

Joshua Newswanger and Zach Weaver were here to give a presentation on their proposal of starting a Christian based school using our facility. 50 – 60 children would be the start up goal and the age range is from kindergarten to 8th grade.

Approved by motion, 2nd and aye vote to continue to seek a favorable lease.

**Article 2. Approval of Council Minutes from:
Monday, June 11, 2018 (Pg. 1-8)**

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Article 3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget – January to September 2018 (A1 – A4)
- b. Building Fund, January to September 2018 (A5)

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Article 4. Church Board Reports (B1 – B17)

- a. Ministry & Evangelism – David Dubble

On July 8, Bill Litman filled the pulpit in Pastor Marty's absence.

Teen Challenge led worship on July 15.

Our Spiritual Renewal Services with James Myer was held October 7 to October 10. Jim Myer officiated Love Feast and Communion on October 7. Average attendance was 71 people. The offering for the four nights was \$1,229.00. It will be given to Brethren Disaster Relief for the hurricane victims in the Carolinas. A special thanks to Earl Liskey for coordinating the music.

We decided to combine the Praise and Worship Night with the Night of Gospel Music held on September 15. In response to positive comments and requests for similar programs, we decided to plan for another Night of Gospel Music. We have set a date of March 9, 2019.

After 64 years, the radio broadcast, "The Brethren Hour", will have its final broadcast on December 31, 2018. Thank you to Ken Wagner for his support and coordination of the program.

In response to numerous requests from the congregation, the commission decided to have a Children's story twice a month.

A change to the Youth Sunday schedule is that they will be in charge of the service on Sundays when Pastor Marty is unavailable.

"Piercing Word" will present their program titled "Sermon on the Mount: the Musical" on Sunday evening, October 21 at 7 PM. A free will offering will be taken and donated to "Piercing Word".

Accepted Steve Krick's resignation from the Commission. Bob Noll will fill out Steve's term.

b. Missions & Fellowship – Susie Dundore

It was a busy summer with different activities.

5 students from the ELCO Middle School received the "Good Neighbor Award". They received a gift card from J.O.Y. bookstore and a certificate for good deeds through the school year.

We had "Christmas in July" in the Susan Dowhower House in Lebanon. We read the Christmas Story, played Bingo, handed out Christmas presents to the residents, ate cookies, snacks, drink.

Londonderry Village Chicken BBQ, we baked 15 dozen snickerdoodles and made a theme basket. Our theme was "Myerstown", everything in the basket was made in the Myerstown area.

We bought a "Church Video License", so the church could have "Movie Night" fundraisers, or for the youth class meetings or fundraiser.

Hosted and organized a reception for "Teen Challenge" in the Gathering Place.

We gathered donations of clothing for the ELCO RAIDER TREASURE CHEST" with the Zion United Methodist Church, a free clothing giveaway for Myerstown people.

Volunteered at the food stand at the Lebanon Fair to help On Fire Ministries.

The next school year has begun, to start a great school year the annual "School Prayer Walk" for the Elco Middle School.

Now the Fall activities have begun.

September 9th was "Rally Day, We organized a "Rally Day Bring a Friend Carry in dinner". Around 60-65 people attended, it was a success.

September 15, 13 people drove to the "Mennonite Central Committee Work Center Ages 11 - adult. We deconstructed books for recycling. If there were any books you wanted you could have it, give a small donation. Everyone had a great time, another one will be planned in spring.

We finished our budget and ministry investment plan.

Trunk or Treat was held on October 27th, decorated cars, games and food. Operation Christmas Child ,due on November 11.

Working on our Appointments and the 2019 church directory.

Planning some new and exciting projects for 2019.

Watch for future events in the bulletin and newsletter.

c. Christian Education – Leslie Fuhrman

Since the last Church Council meeting we...

*Bible school was held and all children that attended had a great time. The children sang in church the Sunday after bible school as special music.

*Handed out bibles to students that were going into 2nd grade and 6th grade on Rally Day.

*We are currently planning the Christmas program which will be held the second Sunday in the month of December. All children who attend Sunday school will be part of the program.

*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 committee.

*Appointed new youth leaders.....Seth and Lindsey Dimond and Matt and Karen Sanchez.

d. Trustee & Property – George Nagle

Property Committee cleaned the church roof, we fixed some seams around air conditioner units and cleaned the drains.

We made repairs on the boiler in the furnace room. Called Department of Labor and Industry inspector and sent a picture of what was repaired.

The insulation work has been completed on the refrigerator/freezer at the kitchen. Thank you to everyone for the help to complete this project. It was completed on Saturday, August 18th. The materials were paid by the Fellowship Hall Committee and Women's Fellowship.

Need to get someone to mow grass for next year, job description is for outside custodian.

Looking into mold remediation for the gym and hallway leading down to the gym. Had some professionals come to test for mold and have determined it is nontoxic, which means it is not harmful to anyone.

If anyone is interested in mowing job, contact the property committee for a job description.

e. Finance & Stewardship – Andy Heisey

Our commission works directly with the treasurer, counts offerings each Sunday and meets 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.

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.

We are currently looking into different options to redo the mortgage for the building fund and bring down our monthly payments. This has or will be explained shortly.

f. Approval of Church Board Reports

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Article 5. District Conference Report

Jackie Dohner and Joyce Wagner had a report in the November newsletter. Joyce read that report.

Jay Lentz reported that Friday evening was a great evening. Saturday was totally the opposite, as they discussed some tough topics.

Janet Dubble reported on the business issues of the conference.

Ron Brubaker was also aware of the huge division in the denomination.

Article 6. Refinancing of Church Mortgage

Andy Heisey presented options to reduce the church mortgage.

Approved by motion, second & aye vote to allow Andy to re amortize the loan back to the 7-15-23 original maturity date with the bank.

Article 7. Approval of Church Budget for 2019 (C1 – C3)

Bob Noll presented the budget and showed an \$82,000 shortfall in the budget and discussed ways to reduce the budget.

Earl Liskey and Barb Weidman said they will take no pay till further notice.

With other reductions the negative in our budget is approximately \$55,000.

Approved by motion, second & aye vote to the amended budget as proposed by Bob Noll and suggestions by other members of the congregation. The total budget for 2019 is approximately \$197,000, which does not include the Building Fund.

Article 8. Slate of Elections from the Church Board

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

None

Slate of Elections from the Nominating Committee (Church Board)

- a. Church Moderator – David Stauffer nominated by Church Board

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

- b. Church Board Chairman (1 year term) – Janet Dubble

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

- c. Church Board Commission Members
 - Nine (3 year term) 2021
 - One (2 year term) 2020
 - One (1 year term) 2019

David Dubble, Christine Blackwell, Megan Thomas and Kim Horn will continue to serve.

**Article 9. Election of Delegates for Annual Conference – Greensboro, North Carolina
Election of Alternates for Annual Conference**

Taken out of budget

Article 10. Election of Three Delegates for District Conference

Two (2 year term)

One (1 year term)

Janet Dubble – 2 year

Linda Zimmerman – 1 year

Walter Sattazahn – 1 year

Pastor Marty

All Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Election of Alternates for District Conference

None

Article 11. Spiritual Nurture Board Report – Cindy Liskey

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

The Love Offering balance as of October 25, 2018, was \$2,376.99.

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

We would like to continue to keep the call open for new Deacons. Please continue to thoughtfully pray for members to accept this call. Mark and Tammy Landis and Jay and Brenda Lentz have agreed to accept the call for Deacons. We are asking for Council approval.

Steve and Breena Krick have handed in their resignation as Deacons of our church.

Pew Communion was held Sunday, July 22, 2018.

Love Feast and Communion was held Sunday, October 7, 2018, with 84 attending and Jim Myer leading the service.

Approved new deacons by motion, second and aye vote.

Article 12. Pastor's Report – Marty Moyer

Sermons: 12 (no sermons on Youth Sundays on September 30 & July 29, Annual Conference Sunday July 8th, Teen Challenge Sunday July 15)

Home Visits: 71

Hospital Visits: 25

Home Communion: 7

Attempted Visits: 17

Home Communion: 7

Anointings: 1 (Mary Lineweaver)

Funerals: 2 (Bill Yoh, Kathryn Miller)

Funeral Visitations: 5 (Bill Yoh, 2, Faye Philips, Darryl Daub, Bill Fulk)

Taught Home-Builders S.S. Class: 7 Sundays. Assisted in Youth Sunday School, 1

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board Meetings (5), Spiritual Nurture (4), Ministry & Evangelism on Sept 11

Vacation Days Used: 11

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-Trunk or Treat, October 27th

-Piercing Word, October 21

-Bread & Cup Communion, July 22

-Love Feast & Communion, October 7

-Revival Services Worship Leader, October 7-10

-Disaster Relief 5k, September 22

-Night of Gospel Music, September 15

-Mennonite Central Committee Workday, Sept. 15

-Rally Day, September 9

District Conference Sectional Meeting, Spring Creek C.O.B. on Sept. 11

-Brethren Ministers Meeting: On July 18 & August 8

-On Fire Ministry Booth, July 28

-“Christmas In July,” on July 25th

-Bible School Leader, June 24-27th

Upcoming Schedule

Londonderry Village Worship Service With Choir: October 31, 6:30 pm

Myerstown Community Thanksgiving service: Sunday, Nov. 18th, 7pm. Poplar Ridge.

Thanksgiving Break: Gone Wednesday Through Friday, November 21-23.

Upcoming Sermons:

November 11: “Jesus Sits In The Treasury” Mark 12:38-44

Article 13. Reception of other reports

Women's Fellowship – Lindsey Dimond

We had 2 women's fellowship meetings since the last council meeting. There has been an average of 6 members who have attended.

We set up a table for night out which was held in August but because of the storms we got rained out. We did purchase balloons with the churches name and a banner that we will have for future events.

We held our third kids consignment sale on October 20th. 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 and almost maxed out the space that we had available. March 16th is the date that has been picked to have the spring sale.

Pumpkins Rolls were baked and orders were taken. 1,200 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 17th. All tables have been sold for the floor. Baking will happen for the bake sale as well as apple dumplings in the beginning of November. White elephant tables will be set up again, as well the kitchen will be selling food.

Christmas breakfast will be held on December 8th at 9am at Cedar Grill. Everyone will order off the menu and pay for what they ordered. Also, please bring a \$1 gift for a fun game. This is where we will reveal who our secret sister is if they are attending the breakfast, if not we are asking people to reveal at church after the breakfast.

A cookie exchange is planned for December 11. Everyone will bake cookies at home and put 6 cookies in a bag or a container to share with each person in attendance, so that we can all try new cookies this holiday season.

Treasurer's report:

Since the June 11, 2018 meeting the following have been paid from the account:

- *Upper Room Devotional
- *Mease Rentals for Youth Boston Trip
- *Food for Youth Boston Trip
- *Food for Youth National Youth Conference Trip
- *Grumbine's Flowers: Rose for Kathryn Miller, Baby Albright
- *Little Mountain Printing: MCOB Banner and Balloons for National Night Out
- *MCOB Fellowship Hall: ½ cost of refrigerator/freezer insulation & siding
- *Pumpkin Roll Supplies from:
 - *Dutch-way Market
 - *Dutch Valley Food
 - *Horning's
 - *Shady Lane Farm
- *JDM Outlet: Bazaar Supplies
- *ELCO School: Race for Education

Deposits to the account:
*T-shirt Money
*Consignment sale profit
*Pumpkin roll money so far

Balance on June 11, 2018 was \$17,057.84
Balance on October 29, 2018 is \$18,099.06

Don't forget you can come to any of the women's fellowship meetings to be part of the planning and share any ideas that you might have for future events or fundraisers. We welcome new people all the time and look forward to seeing all the women at the breakfast and cookie exchange.

Ladies Aid

None

Youth – Lindsey Dimond

The Youth group has participated in several exciting activities and two fundraisers in the past several months.

In June, four Junior High youth traveled to Boston with three adult advisors to participate in inner city outreach with City Service Mission for one week.

In July, two senior high youth and two advisors attended National Youth Conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

On the fifth Sunday of July, the youth group led worship and shared how these two trips impacted their faith journeys. Abby Zimmerman also gave a sermon about peace.

The youth group members and their families spent Labor Day weekend in Fenwick Island, Delaware. It was a great weekend of bonding with the new members of the group and getting to know each other.

The last Sunday in September, the youth again led the worship service focusing on nature and their experiences at camp this past summer. They also went miniature golfing in the evening.

Also in the month of September, the youth sold movie ticket booklets as a fundraiser.

In October, the youth went to a local corn maze and hayride. They all had a great time!

Last weekend, the youth participated in a second fundraiser by selling children's items at the church's consignment sale. They also sold many baked goods at the sale. Thank you to all who baked the delicious goodies!

Coming up, we are helping with the Chicken Pot Pie dinner again this year and are planning a couple more fun events before the end of the year.

Fellowship Hall Committee – Earl Liskey

2018 2nd & 3rd Quarter

Sharing Cupboard- Dottie Nagle

We are thanking everyone again for the generous support of our Sharing Cupboard for the donations of food.

During the months of June through October we averaged 72 families a week, being open 4 days a month. During this period of time, we had 14 new families

We continue to spend \$600 a month to purchase groceries at Horning's Market.

Thanks to all the volunteers who give their time, one way or another. 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 an hour.

Thursday – 6/14/18
Families – 17
Adults – 38
Children – 25
Items – 498
2 new families

Friday – 7/27/18
Families – 19
Adults – 39
Children – 22
Items – 551

Thursday – 9/27/18
Families - 21
Adults – 47
Children – 26
Items – 587
1 new family

Friday – 6/15/18
Families – 17
Adults – 31
Children – 9
Items – 404

Thursday – 8/9/18
Families – 14
Adults – 28
Children – 18
Items – 358

Friday – 9/28/18
Families – 18
Adults – 34
Children – 18
Items – 532
2 new families

Thursday – 6/28/18
Families - 23
Adults – 55
Children - 24
Items – 671
1 new family

Friday – 8/10/18
Families – 19
Adults - 37
Children -17
Items - 521

Thursday – 10/11/18
Families – 21
Adults – 45
Children - 15
Items – 528
1 new family

Friday – 6/29/18
Families – 18
Adults – 32
Children – 15
Items – 466

Thursday – 8/23/18
Families – 20
Adults – 48
Children – 14
Items – 534
1 new family

Friday – 10/12/18
Families – 15
Adults – 31
Children - 14
Items – 421
2 new families

Thursday – 7/12/18
Families – 16
Adults – 31
Children – 19
Items – 49

Friday – 8/24/18
Families – 17
Adults – 33
Children – 20
Items – 479

Thursday – 10/25/18
Families - 19
Adults - 43
Children - 27
Items - 506

Friday – 7/13/18
Families – 16
Adults – 33
Children – 15
Items – 443

Thursday – 9/13/18
Families – 17
Adults – 33
Children – 13
Items – 435
1 new family

Friday – 10/26/18
Families - 17
Adults - 30
Children - 16
Items - 481

Thursday – 7/26/18
Families – 20
Adults – 45
Children – 18
Items – 558
2 new families

Friday – 9/14/18
Families - 19
Adults - 41
Children - 19
Items - 539
1 new family

Other

None

Article 14. Interests and Concerns

Rachel Moyer wants a meeting with the board.

Thank you expressed by Janet Dubble to Ron Brubaker for his service the last 6 years.

Janet is seeking approval to accept an ark made by a member of our church.

Article 15. Adjournment

Ron's thoughts : Hebrews 12:2 – Fix your eyes on Jesus.

Closing prayer by David Stauffer