

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren
Council Minutes
Monday, June 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

Devotions by: David Stauffer

David read from Ephesian 2:8-10
We Are Saved by Faith – Thru Grace
There were 37 in attendance.

**Article 1. Approval of Council Minutes from:
Monday, March 4, 2019 (Pg. 1-8)**

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Article 2. Treasurer's Report
a. Budget – January to April 2019 (A1 – A2)
b. Building Fund, January to April 2019 (A3)

Approved by aye vote as presented

Article 3. Church Board Reports (B1 – B9)

a. Ministry & Evangelism – David Dubble

Our commission would like to thank Grace for her work in getting the musicians for the recent night of Gospel Music. We would also like to thank Pastor Marty for helping with the opening and closing portions of the program. Our thanks also to the Mission & Fellowship commission for providing refreshments. We feel the night was a great success. There were 114 people in attendance and the offering was \$443.25. It was distributed equally between YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and the church Sharing Cupboard.

Our commission met twice with Pastor Marty and Pete Kontra from the district to discuss the results of the survey and to implement strategies and plans to address findings from the survey. We will meet again to evaluate our progress.

Pastor Marty has given our commission dates where he would like to have a worship leader to assist with the Sunday morning service. We continue to fill those dates with members of the congregation. We want to thank those who have taken part in the Sunday morning worship service as worship leaders. We are planning on continuing this program.

The Blackwood Quartet presented a program on June 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The program was open to the public and a free-will offering was taken to cover their expenses.

We discussed having the group Piercing Word present a program in the fall. They have been here before and it was well received. But, due to the increasing number of local appearances for Piercing Word, we feel it will be best to look for another option for the program.

We plan to do another night of music in spring 2020.

We are moving forward with the Music committee's suggestion to have members of the congregation provide instrumental music on a given Sunday of the month.

Our commission would like to thank Mark Landis, Jr. for being the speaker for the Easter morning Sunrise Service. It was well attended. We would also like to thank the Missions & Fellowship Commission for providing the breakfast.

Glenn Hassinger will fill the pulpit on July 7th when Pastor Marty is at Annual Conference.

Special services were planned for Memorial Day, Father's Day and Pentecost Sunday. For a future program we are considering a program based on the ministry of Billy Graham. The program is "Then Sings My Soul". Grace has found that they are available November 10 for an afternoon program. We would plan to start the program at 2 p.m. .

On May 21st Laura Hamilton joined our commission meeting. We are excitedly looking to her expertise to assist us in strengthening and growing our church.

Our commission would like to thank the youth for leading the Sunday morning worship service on Mother's Day, May 12th.

b. Missions & Fellowship – Susie Dundore

We started the spring season with a mission trip to the Mennonite Central Committee Work place in Ephrata. On March 30th, 15 people went on a tour of the place. Some made school kits and other cut up tee shirts for projects. Everyone had a great time.

April 21st was the Easter Sunrise Breakfast after the service at the Myerstown Park. 60 people attended. We sold tickets for \$2.00 and we collected a total of \$146.00 which will go toward Vacation Bible School expenses.

I met with Becky, the director of "Youth With A Mission" (YWAM) in Lebanon on April 28th and I did a presentation on the fire at their building on March 27th. We received brochures about the fire and a donation box is in the Gathering Place.

We collected jewelry and other items for the Londonderry Village Yard Sale on May 30th, 31st and June 1st.

Our church is presenting 5 ELCO Middle School students with the "Good Neighbor Award" on June 4th. They receive a certificate and a \$20 gift card to J.O.Y bookstore.

On Fire Ministries needs volunteers for the refreshment stand at the Grand Stand at the Lebanon Fair on July 27th, which is the night of the Demolition Derby. A sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

Mission and Fellowship Commission is working on a variety of projects in the coming months, so watch the newsletter and the bulletins.

c. Christian Education – Leslie Fuhrman

Had the Easter Egg hunt. We had tons of eggs for all the children that were present.

Currently are planning VBS. If interested in helping in any way please let us know, also if you know children that would like to attend have them sign up online.

Cindy Liskey has resigned from teaching Sunday school.

Also if anyone is interested in teaching or being on the sub list for Sunday school please let us know, we are always looking for new people.

d. Trustee & Property – George Nagle

We now have Lawn Care Innovations to mow our lawn and they are the same people that clean our snow.

We are going to replace the six lights in the library with new LED lights.

We have leaks in our roof. We had someone to look at the roof to repair the leaks.

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.

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

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

Article 4. Delegates for District Conference – Oct. 4th & 5th, 2019

So far we have a total of 4 delegates to attend District Conference. The district allows 5. Cindy Sattazahn has agree to be our 5th delegate.

She was approved by motion, second and 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 our church congregation.

The Love Offering balance as of May 30, 2019 was \$2,413.79. There were no requests for financial assistance.

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

Spring Love Feast and Communion was held on Sunday, April 14, 2019, with 67 in attendance. A children's program was held upstairs.

Discussions concerning policy of attendance at Love Feast and Communion was held. With all in agreement it was decided that all born again believers are welcome to attend, but not young children. A special program would be held for the children upstairs.

We received two letters of request for transfer of membership:
Steve and Breena Krick to South Lebanon Community Church
Christopher Johns to Mount Zion Church

We met with Dr. Laura Hamilton concerning church revitalization and conflict resolution at our April meeting.

Article 7. Pastor's Report – Pastor Marty

Sermons: 13

Led Love Feast and Communion: April 14

Home Visits: 60

Hospital Visits: 15

Work Visits: 1

Attempted Visits: 4 (with phone calls)

Baptisms: Walter Sattazahn on March 10

Funerals: 3 (Nettie Krall on June 8, Graveside service for Florence Eversole on June 5, and Tim Dubble memorial service on April 22)

Funeral Visitations: 3 (Nettie Krall, Tim Dubble, and Betty Schware)

Anointings: Walter Sattazahn on May 23

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Board Meetings every month, Council Meetings, Two Spiritual Nurture Meetings: May 30, and March 28, Attended Two Pastoral Evaluation meetings with Ministry Commission and Pete Kontra on March 7 & 20

Vacation Days Used: 6, May 11 – 16.

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-Help to teach Bible Studies on Revelation.

-Attended all Senior Choir Practices.

-Attended Two Lebanon Area Brethren Minister's Group Meeting on May 8, March 13

-Participated in the Community Good Friday Service on April 19

-Night of Gospel Music: March 9

-M.C.C. Workday on March 31

-Attended Gideons Banquet for Pastors on May 7

-Attended A District Minister's Prayer Meeting on April 13th, Ephrata C.O.B.

-Attended three meetings with Galen Hackman for Mentor, March 21, April 25, and May 23

-Attended Ethics Training for Ordained Ministers at Brethren Village on May 18. (C.E.U.)

-Participated in a music program/birthday party at Cedar Haven Home on May 5.

-Participated in the Awards/Honor Program at ELCO Middle School on June 4.

Upcoming Schedule

Annual Conference: July 3-7, Greensboro, N.C. (gone Sunday, July 7)

Upcoming Sermons

June 16: Father's Day, "A Father of Courage" Joshua 1:1-9

June 23: "Great Things From God" Luke 8:26-39

June 30: "Are You Fit For The Kingdom?" Luke 9:51-62

Article 8. Reception of other reports

Women's Fellowship – Leslie Fuhrman

We had 2 women's fellowship meetings since the last council meeting. There has been an average of 5 members who have attended. We held our 4th kids consignment sale on March 16th. 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.

Treasurer's report:

Since the June 5, 2019, meeting the following have been paid from the account:

- *Upper Room Devotional
- * Missionary Project-Esther Nam
- *Clothing racks for spring consignment sale
- *Grumbine's Flowers: Baby Mays & Betty Berger
- *Consignors from spring consignment sale
- *Candy for mother's day, children's day and father's day
- *Golden Age Dinner
- *Pine Ridge Maintenance for mulching

Deposits to the account:

- *Registration & sales from consignment sale

Balance on March 4, 2019 was \$16,470.33

Balance on June 10, 2019 is \$16,728.46

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.

Ladies Aid

None

Youth – Lindsey Dimond

We held a game and pizza afternoon as well as stuffed Easter eggs for the egg hunt.

Served the Gold Age Dinner after church on May 5th.

Led the worship service on Mother's Day, May 12th.

We are taking the kids to Hershey Park tomorrow, June 11th.

Fellowship Hall Committee – Cindy Liskey for Earl Liskey

Sharing Cupboard- Dottie Nagle

During the months of March through May, we averaged 75 families a month, being open 4 days a month. We had 3 new families during this time period.

We purchased 50 hams from Horning's in April for the clients. Each family received a ham.

We had an enormous amount of donations the last 3 months from individuals, community businesses, ELCO Middle School and churches in our community. We are so grateful for all this support.

During the month of May we once again had a good citizen give us 9 cases of cauliflower (12 heads to a case) to the Sharing Cupboard. Since the cauliflower is perishable, we could not give it all away to the clients, so we handed out the remaining to the congregation on Sunday morning. Hope you all enjoyed the cauliflower.

Thanks again to all the volunteers, whatever you are doing to help.

Thursday – 3/14/19
Families – 17
Adults – 38
Children – 9
Items – 409

Friday – 4/11/19
Families – 20
Adults – 36
Children – 12
Items – 458

Thursday – 5/9/19
Families - 18
Adults – 39
Children – 13
Items – 468

Friday – 3/15/19
Families – 12
Adults – 18
Children – 2
Items – 194

Thursday – 4/12/19
Families – 16
Adults – 26
Children – 19
Items – 400

Friday – 5/10/19
Families – 27
Adults – 51
Children – 22
Items – 689

Thursday – 3/28/19
Families - 22
Adults – 54
Children - 21
Items – 567

Friday – 4/25/19
Families – 23
Adults - 45
Children -13
Items - 505

Thursday – 5/23/19
Families – 19
Adults – 36
Children - 11
Items – 429

Friday – 3/29/19
Families – 19
Adults – 33
Children – 11
Items – 438

Thursday – 4/26/19
Families – 17
Adults – 32
Children – 20
Items – 481
3 new families

Friday – 5/24/19
Families – 15
Adults – 26
Children - 14
Items – 374

Article 9. Interests and Concerns

Update by Dr. Laura Hamilton. She has finished all interviews and is currently writing her report for the district.

Article 10. Adjournment

Closing prayer by Pastor Marty @ 7:45 p.m.