

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren
Council Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

Devotions by: Paul Brubaker

1 Corinthians 3 stressed the importance of working together as a team.
Paul stressed the importance of not me, but we.
There were 53 people in attendance.

**Article 1. Approval of Council Minutes from:
Monday, June 10, 2019 (Pg. 1-9)**

Approved by motion, second & aye vote

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

Approved by aye vote as presented

Article 3. Church Board Reports (B1 – B9)

- a. Ministry & Evangelism – David Dubble

Pastor Chris Smith was our speaker for the Spiritual Renewal series held on October 6 through October 9. A free-will offering was taken. The money was given to the Sharing Cupboard. Pastor Marty conducted the October 6 Love Feast and Communion because Pastor Smith was not available.

Church Secretary, Toni Noll had requested a reduction in hours for the summer. She would not work on Tuesdays but the remainder of the week would be her normal hours. Also, she was on vacation July 20th through July 27th. A plan was made for her to complete the bulletin, email it to Janet Dubble who printed and folded it.

The Commission has held several special meetings to analyze and plan a response to the Pastoral Review that was collected earlier this year. An action plan was created from the congregation's input in the review. Pastor Marty and District Executive Pete Kontra were in attendance at some of these meetings. A report to the church body is planned for the October Council meeting.

In response to comments from the Pastoral Review we discussed the children's story guidelines going forward. The Children's story is to be held on the 4th Sunday of each month. The length of the story is to be no longer than 5 minutes and be age appropriate. Grace talked to Rachel about these changes.

Rally Day guest speaker was Pastor Mike Borden. His sermon title was "Come and See." A fellowship meal was held after the service.

The 100th Anniversary celebration of the creation of Heidelberg, Richland and Myerstown congregations from the Tulpehocken congregation was held on October 20, 2019 at 7 PM in the Heidelberg Church. Don Fitzkee spoke on the history of the congregations. Glenn Hassinger and Levi Ziegler provided input. The old hymnal was used for songs. Pastor Marty was our contact for the program.

Gideons provided a short presentation during the Sunday service on September 29th. The program was very informative. Pastor Marty was the contact with the Gideons.

Grace reported that the group "Then Sings My Soul" will present a program on November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This program is based on the ministry of Billy Graham.

We discussed the possibility of having Don Fitzkee's message to the District Conference viewed in the near future. We also discussed the possibility of having him present a Sunday morning message.

We are working on a list of possible speakers available to fill the pulpit as needed.

It was decided to keep our budget numbers for the upcoming year the same as this past year.

b. Missions & Fellowship – Linda Zimmerman

Our congregation was invited to serve with On Fire Youth Ministries by working at their refreshment stand at the Lebanon Area Fair on Saturday, July 27th. We had 11 volunteers, and had a very successful night of serving hot dogs, snacks, and drinks at the grandstand snack bar while supporting On Fire Ministries.

During the summer months, we collected \$115 for YWAM to assist them in rebuilding after a fire destroyed their building. We also collected jello and instant pudding for the Lebanon Rescue Mission. A total of 64 boxes of jello/pudding was collected. In another community outreach project, 7 large bags of clothing were donated to Raider Treasure Chest (run by Zion United Methodist Church).

Women's Fellowship hosted a stand at the National Night Out in Myerstown on August 6th, from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

The Missions and Fellowship Commission organized a fellowship meal following the Rally Day service on September 15th.

Pumpkin Roll making (fundraiser for Women's Fellowship) began on September 16th and continued for 4 consecutive Mondays until October 7th. The volunteer response was excellent for both the A.M. shift, when the pumpkin rolls were baked, and the P.M. shift, when they were filled and wrapped. A total of 1200 pumpkin rolls were made.

A group from our church joined Brethren Disaster Relief and went to Lumberton, NC from Sept. 22nd through 28th. Thanks for Earl Liskey for coordinating this mission and to Melissa Wilson, Amanda Gross, and Ken Gross, for giving of their time and talents for this valuable mission.

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. 17th. This year we will include a box into which people can donate individual items rather than packing an entire box. Members of our Commission will then pack these items into the appropriate boxes. Women's Fellowship will cover the \$9 per box shipping fee this year.

Due to a scheduling conflict with both the Fellowship Hall and other events in the community, we were not able to have the Trunk of Treat event. It is the hope of the Commission that it will be held again next year, as this was an outreach event that has been attended by many community families. Janet Dubble, our liaison for Londonderry Village, attended the quarterly Auxiliary meetings at Londonderry Village. Our church's support has included collection of items for their summer yard sale, baking of snickerdoodles for their chicken dinner, and donation of pumpkin rolls for them to sell at their bazaar.

An announcement was placed in the bulletin about any changes for the 2020 church directory, with a mid-October deadline for information changes. Deadline for printing of the 2020 directory is January 31, 2020.

A budget for 2020 was developed and submitted.

The Missions and Fellowship Commission accepted the resignation of Susie Dundore from the commission, due to work schedule conflict. We thank Susie for her many years of service to the Church Board, and wish her the best with her new endeavors.

c. Christian Education – Leslie Fuhrman

Since the last Church Council meeting we...

Held vacation bible school. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with bible school.

Handed out bibles to students going to 2nd grade and 6th grade.

Picked out a Christmas program for the children.

Received the following resignations:

*Commission: Leslie Fuhrman

*Youth Leaders: Seth and Lindsey Dimond, Matt and Karen Sanchez

*Bible school Coordinators: Leslie Fuhrman and Jess Singer.

d. Trustee & Property – George Nagle

We replaced 6 fluorescent lights in the library with 6 LED lights.

The ducts were cleaned in the gym. Thanks to Women's Fellowship for paying the bill.

Kitchen committee purchased and paid for 11 new LED lights for the kitchen that were installed.

Replaced LED light bulb in gym.

Air conditioner was repaired in sanctuary.

A window glass in the downstairs Sunday School room was leaking gas and was replaced under warranty by H&M Glass.

Replaced a faulty light in library. It was under warranty, so it was replaced at no charge.

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. District Conference Report

Report was given by Janet Dubble, Pastor Marty, Walter and Cindy Sattazahn.

Report is attached.

Article 5. Facilities Rental Request

Last October 29, 2018, Article 1 of that council meeting was a presentation from 2 fellows to propose renting our facility here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren for a new Christian based school they were planning to start.

One year later, they are back again, They have had some delays; the one big delay was a building to start this school. The 2 fellows, Josh Newswanger and Zach Weaver reached out to Whitey Nagle. We met and discussed various details and got the blessing from the church board and are now back to get the blessing to proceed from council. Last year we got your approval to move forward, but that was a year ago, so now we wanted to get your approval to proceed again.

Moving forward means we get a good solid lease agreement from our attorney, We will not do anything until the attorney, insurance agent and accountant are all in agreement that this is good for our church,.

We have verbally agreed on \$3,000 per month for 10 months; which is also \$2,500 per month for 12 months; or \$30,000 a year. They would be using the downstairs kitchen, fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms and 2 Sunday school rooms upstairs if needed. They also requested to use our gym during a recess time each day.

It would be a 2 year lease, with an option to renew at a most likely increased amount.

Again, there are many details to work through and we will not proceed without the okay from insurance agent, accountant and especially the attorney.

Approval to move forward with this request was given by motion, second & aye vote.

Article 6. Pastoral Survey Review

Discussion on this was led by David Dubble.

Article 7. Approval of Church Budget for 2020 (C1-C2)

Discussion on this was led by Bob Noll.

Approved to move forward with budget as presented by motion, second & aye vote.

Article 8. Slate of Elections from the Church Board

- a. Nominating Committee Members – None
Two (3 year term)

One (2 year term)

One (1 year term)

Slate of Elections from the Nominating Committee (Church Board)

- a. Church Board Chairman (1 year term)
- b. Church Clerk (3 year term) – Mark Landis, Jr.
- c. Church Board Commission Members
Seven (3 year term) 2022
Three (2 year term) 2021
Five (1 year term) 2020

Mim Ackerman, Cindy Sattazahn, Walter Sattazahn, Sharon Seldomridge and Janet Dubble have agreed to serve on the board.

They were approved by motion, second & aye vote.

Article 9. Election of Delegates for Annual Conference – Grand Rapids, Michigan

Pastor Marty and Rachel Moyer

Approved by motion, second & aye vote.

Election of Alternates for Annual Conference

Article 10. Election of Delegates for District Conference

Pastor Marty, Janet Dubble, Walter Sattazahn and Cindy Sattazahn

Approved by motion, second and aye vote.

Election of Alternates for District Conference

Article 11. Spiritual Nurture Board Report – Mim 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 September 26, 2019 was \$2,413.79.

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

Fall Love Feast and Communion was held on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

We received a new Letter of Transfer to our church for Jose Torres.

We will meet again Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Article 12. Pastor's Report – Pastor Marty

Sermons: 17

Led Love Feast and Communion: October 6

Worship Leader for Revival Services: October 6-9

Served Bread & Cup Communion Sunday: July 21

Home Visits: 83

Hospital Visits: 20

Home Communions: 5

Anointings: 3

Funerals: 2 (Pearl Fetter, Clara Miller)

Funeral Visitations: 5

Sunday School Classes Taught: Homebuilders Class on June 23 and June 30
Church Commission Meetings Attended: All board and council meetings, Deacon's Meetings (3), Music Committee on Sept. 3, All Ministry and Evangelism committee meetings.

Vacation Days Used: 5

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

- Delegate at Annual Conference, July 3 – 7
- District Conference Delegate, October 5
- Attended all Choir Practices and Choir Picnic
- Attended all meetings as requested by Laura Hamilton
- Attended three meetings with Mentor Galen Hackman. One meeting with Pete Contra
- Helped with Bible School, June 23 – 27
- Rally Day Fellowship Meal after Church
- Helped with 'On Fire Ministry Booth' at Lebanon Fair, July 27
- Helped with Church Booth on National Night Out, August 6
- Meeting for District Conference Report with church delegates, October 14
- Participated in 100th Anniversary Celebration at Heidelberg, C.O.B. on October 20

Upcoming Schedule

- Thanksgiving Vacation: November 27 – 29. (here on Sun. Dec. 1)

Upcoming Sermons

- November 3 "Are You A 'Saint?'" Ephesians 1:11-23
- November 10: "My Redeemer Lives" Job 19:23-27
- November 17: "Stand Firm In Trials" Luke 21:5-19
- November 24: Thanksgiving Sunday, "Thanks Be To God!" II Corinthians 9:8-15
- December 1: First Sunday in Advent. Sermon T.B.A.

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 5 members who have attended.

We held our 5th kids consignment sale on October 19th. People brought their kids clothing to consign where they received a portion of the sales and women's fellowship also received a portion.

Pumpkin Roll baking happened, we baked 1,200 pumpkin rolls. Had a great turnout, thanks to everyone who helped either in the morning or at night.

Upcoming events:

Holiday Bazaar-November 23
Christmas Breakfast- December 14

Treasurer's report:

Since the June 10, 2019 meeting the following have been paid from the account:

- *Upper Room Devotional
- * Grumbine's Flowers
- *The Vine Ministry, inc.
- *Jason Brubaker LLC- Cleaning Air conditioner in gym
- *Eagle Rental: National Night Out
- *Pumpkin Roll Supplies to the following places:
 - Dutch-Way
 - Horning's
 - JDM
 - Dutch Valley Foods
 - Walmart
 - Shady Lane Farms
- *Cash withdrawn for consignment sale cash box.

Deposits to the account:

- *Registration & sales from consignment sale
- *Tshirt sales
- *Pumpkin Roll Sales

Balance on June 10, 2019 was \$16,728.46
Balance on October 28, 2019 is \$17, 976.68

Ladies Aid – Rachel Moyer

We meet on Thursdays, one week at 9 am and the next week at 6:30 pm. We are finishing up a quilt that was started 2 years ago. Several of us are learning to quilt and make comforters. We really appreciate Brenda Lentz and Kitty Wenger's expertise. We finished knotting one comforter and have started a second. We will have a table at the bazaar. If you would like to donate anything to our table, let us know.

Youth

No report

Fellowship Hall Committee – Earl Liskey

2019 2nd & 3rd Quarter

Sharing Cupboard- Dottie Nagle

During the months of June through October, we averaged 75 families a month, being open 4 days a month. We had 24 new families during this time period.

On July 5, we had a donation of sliced carrots delivered to our church for the Sharing Cupboard from another good citizen. We couldn't use all the carrots in the cupboard, so we once again handed out the remaining to our congregation on Sunday morning and Horning's Market received some of them that were left on the truck. Horning's donated \$200.00 for the carrots in exchange for \$200.00 worth of groceries.

We are thanking everyone for the donations from church members, individuals, community businesses and churches in our area. We are so thankful for these donations and a huge thank-you to all the volunteers for your time.

Thursday – 6/13/19
Families – 24
Adults – 53
Children – 22
Items – 636
4 new families

Friday – 7/26/19
Families – 18
Adults – 36
Children – 15
Items – 475
1 new family

Thursday – 9/26/19
Families - 16
Adults – 31
Children – 18
Items – 406
1 new family

Friday – 6/14/19
Families – 17
Adults – 32
Children – 17
Items – 426
1 new family

Thursday – 8/8/19
Families – 18
Adults – 38
Children – 14
Items – 480

Friday – 9/27/19
Families – 21
Adults – 39
Children – 18
Items – 549

Thursday – 6/27/19
Families - 24
Adults – 49
Children -21
Items – 612

Friday – 8/8/19
Families – 8
Adults - 16
Children -9
Items - 168

Thursday – 10/10/19
Families – 23
Adults – 46
Children - 30
Items – 627
1 new family

Friday – 6/28/19
Families – 18
Adults – 34
Children – 12
Items – 397

Thursday – 8/22/19
Families – 17
Adults – 32
Children – 22
Items – 424
1 new family

Friday – 10/11/19
Families – 14
Adults – 33
Children - 11
Items – 387
2 new families

Thursday – 7/11/19
Families - 17
Adults – 34
Children - 13
Items – 383

Friday – 8/23/19
Families – 16
Adults - 35
Children -16
Items - 446

Thursday – 10/24/19
Families – 25
Adults – 64
Children - 29
Items – 588
4 new families

Friday – 7/12/19
Families – 13
Adults – 25
Children – 10
Items – 340

Thursday – 9/12/19
Families – 23
Adults – 45
Children – 26
Items – 575
3 new families

Friday – 10/25/19
Families – 22
Adults – 34
Children - 16
Items – 528
4 new families

Thursday – 7/25/19
Families – 23
Adults – 48
Children – 18
Items – 570
2 new families

Friday – 9/13/19
Families – 18
Adults – 35
Children – 26
Items – 485

Article 14. Interests and Concerns

Janet Dubble presented a possible option from our existing church board if the need arises. This option is attached. As of now, we will continue as we have been; especially since new members are joining.

Article 15. Adjournment

Closing prayer by Paul Brubaker @ 9:30 p.m.