

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: August 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:35 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Dennis Garrison

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Secretary’s Report of July 21, 2020

Approved as presented at Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of July 31, 2020

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Grace Ziegler
David Dubble, Linda Zimmerman

Opening – Grace Ziegler

A – Ministers to fill pulpit for Pastor Dennis on the following dates

September 20 – Chris Dubble

October 25 – James Rhen

November 15 - Susan Eikenberry

December 6 - David Stauffer

Worship Leaders –

August 23 – Katrina Wagner

August 30 – Kim Horn

September 6 –

September 13 –

September 20 –

September 27 –

October 4 –

October 11 –

October 18 –

October 25 –

* Visiting Jubilee Ministry
sign up -

Renewal Service October 4-7 2020 - James Bauer – pew communion – Rev. Bauer & Pastor Dennis

Future Programs – Luncheon November 1 - games and monologue by Randy Ziegler – catered

Ministers of Music – Bob Kettering November 8, 2020 7 pm

1. We are thinking about having Piercing Word on a Sunday morning service instead of preaching.
2. Ideas to help make the church to grow.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson – Susie Dundore
Kim Horn, Sharon Seldomridge, Janet Dubble

Prayer by Susie.

1. \$2,500 from Richard Brown Estate
 - a. \$625 – District

- b. \$625 – On Fire Ministry
- c. \$625 – Coby’s
- d. \$625 – Brethren Disaster Relief

Janet will fill out paperwork and write letters.

- 2. Discussed Operation Christmas Child. There is a virtual option this year. Looking into how we can engage congregation to build virtual boxes.
- 3. Appointments – we need to find
 - a. Disaster Response Coordinator – Susie Dundore
 - b. Disaster Relief Sale Representative –
 - c. COBY’s Representative – Janet Dubble
 - d. Lebanon County Christian Ministries –

Christian Education Commission: - Chairperson – Christine Blackwell
Cindy Sattazahn, Walter Sattazahn

Blessing of the backpacks will be August 30th – We need to ask Pastor Dennis if he would do the prayer for blessing the back packs.

September 13th Rally Day

Presenting Bibles to: Brayden Miller and Gavin Speraw

Children’s Church begins September 6th. Went over and finalized schedule. We have 5 volunteers and assistants.

- Susie Dundore
- Leslie Fuhrman
- Janet Dubble
- Christine Blackwell
- Linda Zimmerman

Every 5 weeks.

Trustee and Property Commission: – Chairperson – George Nagle
Mark Landis, Jr.

- 1. Fixed Commode in men’s room near Pastor’s office, new wax seal, bolts, valve parts.
- 2. Two weeks later replaced flush valve in ladies room; would not flush.
- 3. Replaced spigots in men’s room sink near kitchen at all purpose room.
- 4. Moved big cabinet with old TV from Sunday School room and got rid of it. Moved extra chairs, tables – put back in chair room.
- 5. Cindy Liskey resigned as head cook.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson - Bob Noll, Glenn Hassinger

As of 7/31/2020

Received letter from Myerstown Borough – what they are calling “payments in lieu of taxes” Simply put they are asking for a contribution since the church is tax exempt from property taxes. Our commission recommends that the church do not give a contribution. We had an assessment for the stormwater, and also we were affected financially due to COVID19 and loss of members.

Looking to consolidate special funds dollars to the General Fund.

Board voted on, and unanimously approved the commission’s recommendation to not contribute any additional funds to the borough of Myerstown.

Pastor’s Report

July 22, 2020 – August 18, 2020

Since we opened the church for in-person worship on June 21 we have been seeing an increase in attendance from the upper forties when we started to the mid-seventies the past couple of Sundays. Again, people seem to be respecting social distancing and are wearing masks according to our re-opening guidelines. It was good to have the Bell Choir provide music for one Sunday. I am thankful for the contributions of Barb Heffner and Barb Weidman, for those who have been providing special music, for Barb Weidman and Earl Liskey who have been serving as choristers, and for those who have volunteered to serve as worship leaders. It has also been good seeing the number of children coming forward for the children’s story increasing.

I have been in touch with Jim Bauer regarding the spiritual renewal services in October. The Deacons have requested to have pew communion sometime this fall in place of Love Feast. Jim and I decided we will do that on Sunday, October 4.

Fortunately, the number of persons in the congregation being hospitalized has been small. When possible I am trying to connect on the phone. If I can’t reach them in the hospital, then when they return home. I have noticed a few times recently when members were hospitalized and I was not aware until after the fact. Please contact me when a family member or member of the church is hospitalized so I can make contact with them.

The Monday evening Bible study is going well with twelve people attending at the church and four attending online via Zoom.

There has been some interest expressed in getting Sunday School and choir going again. These will both require more discussion on how we handle these activities.

Pastoral activity since July 22:

4 sermons/worship services

4 mid-week messages
5 Summer Bible study sessions
Phone calls to members or families of members hospitalized
Numerous emails and texts
Planned sermons through December
Executive, Christian Education Commission, Board meetings
Newsletter articles

Upcoming Sermons:

Series Beginning August 2: Jesus in Between

This series will focus on Jesus' teachings during his thirty years of ministry, those things recorded in the book of Luke that happened in between his birth and death and resurrection.

August 23: Shameless Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

August 30: What to Fear and What Not to Fear

Luke 12:1-12

September 6: The Challenge of Being Chosen

Luke 13:22-30, 14:12-24

September 13: Letting Go

Luke 14:25-35

September 20: Pulpit Supply (Chris Dubble)

September 27: Crazy Love

Luke 15:1-32

October 4: Jim Bauer (Spiritual Enrichment, Pew Communion)

October 11: The Power of a Grateful Heart

Luke 17:11-19

October 18: Zacchaeus: Really a Pretty Big Man

Luke 19:1-10

October 25: Pulpit Supply (James Rhen)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Board voted on, and unanimously approved a request by Trustee and Property to look into replacing the windows in the kitchen.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

With Prayer by Board Chair David Dubble at 8:10 p.m.