

Minutes
Little Home Church Council Meeting
April 8, 2014

In Attendance: Kathy Haben, Lori Haseltine, Susi Winqvist, Sandy Antonelli, Valeri Baldwin, Susannah Lesswing, Anne Bouchard, Louise Aughnay, Ron Purser, Art Zwemke, Ann McLaughlin, Kathleen Sullivan Kaska and Anne Haben. Guest: Nancy Alex

Absent: Carol Berger, Jan Marchese, Jane Shelton

Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:05. Valeri read a bible passage in honor of Easter. Prayer Requests were made and Ron led us in opening prayer.

Endowment: Nancy Alex came to talk about the trustees and have found five members. The church Bylaws have been updated so the trustees are covered on the insurance. Discussion among the trustees about what the funds from endowment will go toward. Their next meeting will go over what options should be on the donation envelops. We need to create a system to keep track of what is coming in and have the trustees write thank you notes. The memorial book needs to be updated. It was suggested that Gladys Stevenson should be the one writing in the book. Endowment foundation is not connected with memorial donation. It was suggested that an article be written for the By the Way to talk about the difference of the two. New envelops need to be made and another box (check box for where to allocate funds) should be added. The trustees will meet with Ann M. to finalize these plans. As of June they will need another trustee it is a three year commitment. There are 11 families who have acknowledged that they will be "considering" the endowment fund. They are having a meeting tomorrow night.

Approval of March Minutes. Louise moved to be approved. Nancy pointed out that the sound system should include an outdoor speaker. Seconded by Ann McLaughlin and approved.

Approval of February Treasurer Report. It was requested that reports be submitted a week before regular Council meetings so approval would go faster. Ann McLaughlin motioned that February, March and April Treasure reports be voted on at the May meeting as a consent agenda. Seconded by Louis and approved.

Pastor's Report: Had a second meeting with another person about the sound system on Thursday about doing the system in parts not all at once. For the last Blessing of the Hounds ceremony Ron rented an outdoor sound system that worked really well and we got it for a good price and is something that we might want to continue to do instead of buying an outdoor system for the few times we do use it. There have been a few funerals that Ron has been a part of this past month on behalf of the families which has been taking up a great deal of time. He is still working on his running list of all that he does. He will be adding names to the interim list to be looked over and considered. Don will be speaking on Mother's Day. Ron still needs to talk to the Dixon Attorney.

Treasurer Report: We are behind from where we were last year 30 vs 26%. We are ahead on pledges, but lagging overall. The Peterson House money is separated because Art does not have the authority to put it in a specific fund. It is something that needs to be discussed by council on how to be dispersed. Discussed the Dixon property and putting it on the market for \$89,000. Motion moved by Anne to raise the listing price to \$89,000 seconded by Susannah. Approved. Discussion of money still owed to Barclay. Kathy Haben has asked Barclay to reduce his fees since he did not collect any money from renters in the

last half of 2013. Barclay to provide all evidence of communication and attempts to collect money from renter.

Christian Education: Dropping the camping event because of weather and lack of kids.

Congregational Life: Moving forward on potential fundraisers. Historic walk, plant sale, travel logs, sell CDS of our musical events (copyright issues?). Discussion of how to subscribe to church emails.

Evangelism: Kathy reported that Carol is still planning to have the get to know us party at her house on Palm Sunday.

Facilities: Contract to replace the window. Looking at grant possibilities for the door. June 1st is the accessible faith grant deadline. Not everything needs to be put to a vote and improved but that we should be informed on what the bids were what we went with and what was fixed for how much. Should repairs be done to Dixon house? Art and Kathy felt that this property is a fixer-upper and should be sold as is. Need lot line survey and septic inspection to be completed before listing with realtor. Peterson property also waiting septic inspection so we can either repair lines or if ok, get the money that is being held by current owner.

Outreach: We did get all 45 food baskets taken. Drop off is Saturday.

Stewardship: One Great Hour of Sharing. Estimated \$800 was collected. Time and Talent survey is being worked on.

Worship and Spiritual Growth: Sent out the schedules for pulpit associate and ushers.

Members-at-large: Louise had met with Suzanne Setlock. A new member of the Wayne Art League is interested in our church and will be invited to Carol's get to know us event. Kathleen brought up the Garden Party fundraiser and passed out a flyer.

New Business/Moderator report: Kathy reported that nominations for open council positions are due April 23rd (per our Bylaws) Stewardship, Moderator Elect, Member-at-Large, and Clerk positions need to be filled. Christian Education will be chaired by Maureen O'Donnell.

Annual reports need to be turned in June 2nd to Lori.

One thing to be added to our website's homepage is our generous Outreach budget. Update the slides to put messages in not just images "The Little Home Church with the Big Heart". Add the church camps (Pilgrim park/tower hill) to the websites.

Bob Naylor will be here May 1st. Have a Q&A with the congregation before he talks to council on Sunday April 27th.

Old Business: Chairs were brought up we need at least 100 to 150 chairs. No chair has been picked so we do not have a budget for this. A deadline of the Junual was requested. Kathy to forward existing chair information to Susannah.

Moved to adjourn by Ann M. seconded by Susi. Closing prayer at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Anne Haben