

Minutes  
Little Home Church Council Meeting  
April 9, 2018

**In Attendance:**, Louise Aughnay, Valeri Baldwin, Carol Berger, Barb Braulick, Chip Braulick, Anne Bouchard, Lori Haseltine, Richard Malmberg, Chuck Sbarbaro. Kristen Thornton, Susi Winquist

**Absent:** Jane Shelton, Judy Hopkins, Bob Kaska, Ann McLaughlin

Moderator Anne Bouchard began the meeting at 7:12 pm. Pastor Richard led the council with devotion, followed by an opening prayer. Joys and concerns were shared.

**Charles Karwowski Eagle Scout Project Presentation:** Charles presented a revised plan for benches which he plans to build for the church grounds. Council approved his revision.

**Approval of Minutes:** No corrections were made to the March minutes. Louise moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Lori. Seven were in favor. One abstained. Minutes approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Richard submitted the following report for the past month.

I am happy to report that Holy Week and Easter were filled with wonderful, meaningful worship. Music was fabulous. Larry and the choir put in commendable and impressive time and effort with beautiful results. Thank you all for the gift of your commitment. A couple of things were different this year. By holding the Maundy Thursday service in the Parish Hall the meal became part of the worship service and the readers were less cramped. I think those who attended last year and this year found it to be an improvement.

Everyone who participated in the Good Friday worship collaboration with St Charles Congregational UCC found it gratifying, from everything I heard. It was wonderful to collaborate with our UCC neighbors. The combined choir was glorious. Clergy, musicians and lay readers all put forth admirable efforts. I have a clear sense that everyone who participated would like to do it again, and I feel confident that we will build on this strong start.

Despite a chilly morning and an out-of-town wedding drawing a number of regulars out of town, we had a full sanctuary on Easter Sunday and plenty of kids hunting for Easter Eggs after worship. It was a wonderful morning with a lot of great music and a lovely spirit in the room.

In the aftermath of Lent, I am glad we continued the Wednesday night dinners. Attendance for the Lenten Study could have been better. For next year I am going to focus on a Lenten study series that might inspire more interest, or perhaps a different kind of activity entirely.

I am thrilled to report that our New Member class was well attended yesterday, and on April 15 we will receive seven new members of Little Home Church during worship. Many thanks to Carol Berger for her evangelical efforts. She is a force of nature and we are richly blessed by her gifts. It will be a busy Sunday, as we will also be including the in-pew survey as well. Rather than a full sermon I will give an introduction then we will take time to complete the surveys.

Faithfully submitted,  
Richard Malmberg

In addition to his report, he recommended that Ron Purser can be approved as Pastor Emeritus. The council supported Richard's recommendation. Richard complimented Ron and Don Heinrich for their support and assistance. Richard and Susi will complete the paper work with UCC to allow Ron to have the title. Richard also expressed the excitement of having seven new members joining the church next Sunday.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susi Winqvist submitted and reviewed the treasurer's report for the past month. The cover of that report is as follows. A complete copy of the report is available from the office. The letters and numbers refer to the sections of the spreadsheet pages of the report.

#### **Treasurer's Report: March 2018 Financials**

**A – 1** Total Operating Receipts YTD: **\$78,319 is 31.02% of the \$252,500 Budget.**  
Compared to the 29.57% 3-year average.

**A – 1** Total Pledge Receipts YTD: **\$63,765 is 35.72% of the \$178,500 Budget.** Compared to the 34.74% 3-year average. We received \$30 toward the 2017 pledges for a YTD total of \$355 of the \$500 budgeted.

**B - 1 – 6** Operating Report: Current 2018 YTD Net Income (loss) of **\$5,931.** Compare to the projected Net Income (loss) of (\$2,715). *In March the expenses totaled more than income as the quarterly Pension Board and Outreach payments were due (expenses \$36,011 versus income \$20,232 for a difference of (\$15,779).* Compare to 2017 Actual YTD Net Income (loss) thru March of \$24,671.

**C – 1– 2** Balance Sheet: Overall financial position of \$296,045 on 3/31/2018. *\$250 was received for the 150<sup>th</sup> Building Fund and \$250 in memory of Ardis Redmond.* Compared to last month \$311,780 on 2/28/2018. Compared to last year at this time \$251,541 on 3/31/2017.

**D – 1** Consolidated Fund Activity: Fund balance as of 3/31/18 is \$296,045.

**E – 1 – 3** March Food Pantry donations were \$192. We are at 31% toward our next \$650 gift. To date, we have collected \$1,090 (\$195 in February and \$895 in March) for Easter Flowers minus \$579 cost for an Outreach profit of \$511. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering totaled \$830. We received a \$50 donation for the UCC Puerto Rico Relief effort.

Susi reminded council that one or two big fundraisers are still needed to raise \$20,000 budgeted for our Outreach commitments. Concern was noted by council.

Louise moved to approve the treasurer's report. Valeri seconded the motion. All were favor. Report approved.

#### **Moderator's Comments:**

Preparations for the New Member Sunday were reviewed. Carol will getting flower bouquets for each of the members, Richard shared with council that the average age of mainline church members today is 60. Our new members are all under 60.

Anne reminded council to please support and promote the upcoming speaker, Huda Husseini, on April 22. Also, if anyone can bring small finger foods for refreshments on that Sunday, it would be appreciated.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### Christian Education:

Judy Hopkins, who was not able to attend tonight's meeting, forwarded the following report to council.

Final preparations are in progress for a presentation on April 22 by Huda Hussein. Huda is a highly valued chemistry teacher at North Suburban College, Rolling Meadows IL, with previous background in both secondary education and private industry. The transitions from private industry in her home country, Jordan, to educator at the secondary and college levels in the United States, have presented unusual experiences for this energetic mother of 4, who happens also to be a practicing Muslim. She will speak of these at an informal presentation where all are welcome.

Gene McCormick, a local artist and author, is also a neighbor of Little Home Church. He displayed some of his paintings in our Parish Hall for about 10 days. He donated 50% of the sales to Little Home Church. This amounted to \$195.00, which has been paid to the church.

Vacation Bible School: Lori asked council for their thoughts regarding VBS. It was suggested that the current members of our Sunday School families be contacted for their availability and preference to time and date.

**Evangelism:** Carol Berger submitted the following Evangelism Report.

Membership Sunday will be April 15. We have seven new members joining on Sunday. Yippee!! And, several in the wings that I'm still working on. My goal is to have 14 new members by next Fall. Please provide me any information that might be useful as we continue to recruit.

**Outreach:** Valeri Baldwin submitted the following report to council.

#### **Outreach Ministry Report: April 2018**

##### **Bridge Communities (BC)**

Bridge says "thank you" for helping us supply 139 homes for families in 2017! They accomplished 99,809 nights of shelter to 154 adults and 263 children. Click this blue URL to view their Annual Report and watch the video.

- [Read the 2017 Annual Report & View the 2017 Annual Report Video](#)
  - Join Bride on Friday, April 27th, for their 8th Annual Spring Luncheon to celebrate *Women, Transforming Lives!* Hosted at the beautiful Danada House, we will celebrate women and philanthropy in DuPage County.
- Follow this URL to [Buy tickets to Celebrating Women, Transforming Lives](#) Learn more about the event
- [Sponsorship information for Celebrating Women, Transforming Lives](#)

##### **Community Crisis Center (CCC)**

- Melissa Owens provided a compassionate and information MM on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Summary of who/how they helped in 2017
  - 1,341 households received 34,724 emergency meals
  - 325 households received 831 winter coats
  - 632 families received 40,549 diapers
  - 508 women & children were sheltered for 10,244 nights
  - 430 individuals received transportation assistance
  - 5,432 adults and 431 children received 38,464 hours of service
  - Added overnight accommodations for male boys over 13

##### **Fox Valley Hands of Hope (FVHH)**

- Support Programs Include
  - April 19 - **Life After Caregiving**
  - April 14 - May 12, June 9 - **MALES: Men After a Loss Expressing Themselves Safely**
  - May 5 - **Footprints Memorial Walk**

- May 7 - **"Honoring My Mother"**
- May 15 – June 12 - **Herbie's Friends**
- Join FVHH on Friday, May 25th, for their **2018 GARDEN PARTY Fund Raiser** at the Q Center in St. Charles. Follow this URL for tickets (on sale 4/18) and more information. **Tickets on sale April 18: sponsorships available now!**
- Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, save the date for **A WALK TO REMEMBER**, Batavia, IL

#### **Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV)**

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans serves more than 500 veteran households annually across a seven county service area. We desire to ease the suffering of veterans and their families and to empower them to become productive members of their community. Follow the URL to meet Robert -

<http://helpaveteran.org/success-story/meet-robort>

#### **Mission Moments (MM)**

**Done** - March 3/11, Greg Weider, Fox Velley Hands of Hope (FVHH)

**Done** - April, 4/8, Melissa Owens, Community Crisis Center (CCC)

April, 4/15, Deb Howe, Renz Addition Center (Renz)

Open, May 13 or 20

Open, June 10 or 17 (Father's Day)

Open, July 8, 15 or 22

Open, August 12

8/19, Yvonne, MSHV

#### **Neighborhood Food Pantry – A TON (3,000 lbs) OF FOOD**

February donations were \$148, added to the \$512 already collected totals \$660. Susi wrote a check for \$650 and send it to NFP.

#### **Outreach Fundraising Goal – 2018**

Our 2018 goal is \$30,000.

Year-to-date (YTD) balance is \$ 8,739

I need Ann and Susi's help to determine where we are year-to-date (YTD) outside of what is reported below.

Easter flower sale - \$511

Chili cook off - \$750

- In an effort to accomplish our goal, we need to makes some decisions straight away. Lots of fund raising ideas have been suggested and to ensure success, it is time to determine what two (3 tops) ideas we're going to commit to. Then, we need to put those stakes in the ground given especially since we're already into Q2 FY18 (only 7 months off). The necessary committees need to be formed, list of tasks and timelines need to be determined, and then we can begin promoting events to the congregation and wider community of Wayne, St. Charles, and Bartlett (just to name a few).
- See attached the Outreach Budget YTD spreadsheet I created and will be updating regularly.
- I have begun shopping for the rummage sale. Yesterday I found a leather desk chair for \$15 and a 3-cushion couch for \$4. I need help picking them up and storing them in the Guild house (Anne said that was okay). See pictures attached.

#### **Members at Large:**

Louise had members that had approached her regarding on-line banking and quarterly statements. Council discussed if there is an easier way in which members could give on an automatic system. Susi will follow up with the bank regarding a simple way to give to the church. Ann M. will be asked about sending out the quarterly statements.

Giving Money to the church was discussed. Anne suggested getting Little Home Church as a registered charity with *Amazon Smiles*. Also, individuals donating to our church using Company Matching Grants should be encouraged. However, companies vary on this grant program. However, a reminder could be added to our fundraising materials.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Plans for the **Ministry Fair**, on April 22, are coming along. Anne has not been able to finalize the time and talent survey with Lori yet but they are working on it and hope to complete it by Sunday. The small group ministry would like to have a table at the fair this year. Anne reminded everyone to look at their ministry's description on the church website. If the website needs to be updated, please let Lori know.

**Financial Responsibility Team:** A list of church members has been given to CCS to interview. More non church members are needed. Carol has a list which will be given to the company tomorrow.

**Fundraising:** Several ideas were suggested and discussed for fundraising events.

- Ladies fashion show and luncheon was considered for June 3 at Dunham Woods.
- A comedy night at Zanies...50/50 raffle at the door. The event can be catered to our needs. However, there would be a two item purchase required and cannot be held on a Saturday.
- Basket auction at Zanies or at the church.
- Jim McDonnell (friend of Anne and Barb who is a member of Comedy Sportz) comedy performance at the church along with a silent auction, dinner, or raffle.
- Flag Day 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, June 10. The church should plan to have a presence in the parade. It was also suggested that we sell food (via food truck) and raise money. It was decided that the church should not do this because it is a Wayne community event and not ours.
- Progressive dinner
- Plant Sale – Anne mentioned that due to a lack of volunteers, the sale will be cancelled.
- Dates are being held at Dunham Woods to host possible events.
  - June 3 - Possible ladies fashion show and luncheon\*
  - Oct 6 - Possible Comedy show/silent auction
  - Nov. 17 – tbd
- Dunham Castle tours

\*The fashion show, tentatively scheduled for June will not be held due to a lack of time to prepare and advertise the event.

**Work Day: April 21** Anne reminded everyone to help.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Altar Guild:** Pastor Richard mentioned that Kathi Abell has been a one person Altar Guild. Council felt that Kathi may need someone to help her or cover for her if she is unable to prepare the altar. Anne will follow up with Kathi regarding help.

**New Picture Directory:** Chip inquired if we would be doing another one. Kristen volunteered to research and follow up since she did the last one seven years ago. She felt that an electronic version may suit the congregation better because it can be updated more frequently and eliminate the expense of printing.

**Pew Information Cards:** Chip brought samples of pew cards that provide information to the church attendees. The cards were of various sizes and presented church information in an attractive and colorful way.

**Easter Flowers:** Ann M. mentioned that Easter flowers were not available to take home for those who were not able to attend Easter Service but had purchased flowers. After a brief discussion, it was noted that Easter flowers should only be offered or donated after those who had purchased them have had an opportunity to pick them up. This may be one week or more after Easter.

**Next Meetings:**        **Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm**  
                                  **Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm**  
                                  **Monday, July 9 at 7:00 pm**

Pastor Richard gave the closing prayer.

Faithfully submitted,  
Kristen Thornton  
Church Clerk