

Minutes  
Little Home Church Council Meeting  
August 8, 2017

**In Attendance:** Louise Aughnay, Carol Berger, Barb Braulick, Chip Braulick, Anne Bouchard, Lori Haseltine, Ann McLaughlin, Jane Shelton, Kristen Thornton, Susi Winquist, Judy Hopkins

**Absent:** Valeri Baldwin, Richard Malmberg, Bob Kaska

Moderator Anne Bouchard began the meeting at 7:07 pm. Joys and concerns were shared. Susi led the council with devotion, followed by an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jane moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ann M. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Richard was on vacation and not present at the meeting. No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susi Winquist submitted and reviewed the treasurer's report for the past month. The cover of that report is included at the end of the minutes. A complete copy of the report is available from the office.

Overall, the church is in a good financial state. We are ahead of the three year average on income due to investment income. However, we are somewhat behind on pledge income.

Susi reported that the Spring Fundraiser Event raised \$20,239. The Cougars Game event raised \$97 to date but questioned whether some monies are still need to be collected for game tickets.

As for Outreach Ministry fundraising tracking, we are at \$23,887 of our \$27,500 goal.

For the food pantry, the church has collected \$650 or 4,000 lbs of food with \$196 or 30% toward the next gift.

Ann M. moved to approve the treasurer's report. Lori H. seconded the motion. All were in favor. Report approved.

A new banking account is being opened at PNC. Ann M. suggested that the church open a credit card account for church use to provide better security of our bank accounts. She also recommended that the staff discontinues the use of the debit card when conducting business to avoid possible problems with the checking account becoming compromised.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

**Christian Education:** Lori reported that there will be a meeting of the parents of the young children to discuss what they would like to see in the way of Christian education for their children. As for adult education, Judy is planning to arrange a tour of a Hindu or a Mormon temple or both in the next few months.

**Congregational Life:** Barb Braulick -nothing new to report this month

**Evangelism:** Carol Berger mentioned that Kathleen has ordered more water bottles which Carol will be distributing with the help of other church members. The members will be canvassing neighborhoods. Participating with the Welcome Wagon program was discussed.

**Facilities:** Chuck Sbarbaro reported that he has no report for this month. He plans to repair the steeple light.

**Outreach:** Valeri Baldwin was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to business travel. No update report.

**Stewardship:** Bob Kaska provided the following report to council for Stewardship.

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Challenge Pledge Drive – Joy of Giving

I am pleased to report that our Joy of Giving Challenge Pledge was a success; raising a total of \$20,239.00 to match the \$10,000.00 Challenge gift. We are truly a generous congregation with many showing smiles from the joy of giving.

2017 Stewardship Campaign

Our Campaign will begin in September with Stewardship Sunday; possible dates are 9/24 or 10/1. Richard and I will meet soon to confirm the theme for this year.

Financial Responsibility Task Force

We have started regular meetings of this important group; Anne Bouchard; Chip Braulick; Greg Hege; Bob Kaska; Susannah Lesswing; Susi Winquist; and Art Zwemke. We will determine specific goals for the next five years and define the relationship between the Operating Budget, Capital Campaign, and Endowment to achieve a stable Today...Tomorrow...and Future for Little Home Church.

Council discussed the dates for the stewardship drive. October 1 is too early because of the Blessing of the Hounds so later dates will be considered such as October 29, November 5 or 12. Anne will follow up with Bob.

Anne reported that the **Financial Responsibility Task Force** will meet and work on goals at their next meeting as well as discussing how to keep membership and attract new members. The task force will figure the number of members required to sustain and grow the church. Membership information will be coordinated with Carol and the Evangelism Ministry with Richard for his follow up and assistance in securing the new members. The committee will be reviewing the current membership list as well.

**Worship and Spiritual Growth:** Jane Shelton reminded council that the fidget sewing project will be this Friday and Saturday from 10:00 until Noon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Anne noted to everyone that the Joyce Wagner event was a success. The program attracted a full church with a majority of the attendees being non members. It was a great way to open our doors to the area.

Anne reported that she and others met with Jonathan Lee regarding Capital Campaign plans. As a result of the meeting, Anne is developing a committee to work on the capital campaign. The

Capital Campaign planning committee will meet at 7pm on August 16. Lisa Sharp will be invited to provide information regarding the cost of the various remodeling project to inform the committee of the fund needed to be raised.

The men's club will be meeting this Saturday at Colonial Cafe and will finalize picnic plans. The outdoor worship and church picnic will be held at Pratt Wayne Woods on Sunday, September 10.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Per Richard's request, Anne asked the council for their input towards the use of a microphone during prayer time on Sunday. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the microphones could be used on the Sundays when Joys and Concerns are shared. Anne will follow up with Richard.

Anne suggested that Council attend a class of Tai Chi and support the group that has been renting our facility for the past year and a half.

Set up for the Rummage Sale will be Sept 3 and Sept 14. The sale will be September 15-16.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm (pastor's office)

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann M. and seconded by Jane. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm

Carol added prayers for world safety.

Faithfully submitted,  
Kristen Thornton  
Church Clerk

Attached: Treasurer's report cover

**A – 1** Total Operating Receipts YTD: \$158,062 is 64.25% of \$246,000 Budget.

Ahead of the 3-year average 58.08%.

Percentage impacted by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Investment income.

**A – 1** Total Pledge Receipts YTD: \$109,459. 60.81% of \$180,000 Budget.

Somewhat behind the 3-year average 62.67%.

**B - 1-B – 6** Operating Report. Current YTD Net Income of \$15,550 in 2017.

Compare to budgeted Net Income (loss) of \$8,895.

YTD 2016 Net Income (loss) of \$1,564.

**C – 1-C – 3** Balance Sheet. Overall financial position of \$242,431 at 07/31/2017.

Compared to \$242,053 at 06/30/2017.

Compared to \$280,153 at 07/31/2016.

**D – 1** Consolidated Fund Activity. Higher than start of 2017.

**E – 1-E – 2** *Joy of Giving* Matching Spring Campaign: Target goal was \$15,000.

To date we have received a total of \$20,239.

Men of LHC Cougars Game Outing: Net proceeds to date \$97. Wondering if ticket monies are still expected. Expected net proceeds were \$210.

Fundraising Totals to date: \$23,887 which is 86.86% of \$27,500 Outreach Budget.

**F – 1** Food Pantry Collections: YTD \$1,496. Each \$650 has purchased 2 tons of food. July collections were \$196 or 30% toward the next gift.

Prayerfully submitted,



Susan F. Winquist

Treasurer