

Minutes  
Little Home Church Council Meeting  
December 7, 2012

**In Attendance:** Carol Berger, Anne Bouchard, Peter Gatsch, Kathy Haben, Karen Hansen, Lori Haseltine, Bob Kaska, Jan Marchese, Ann McLaughlin, Pastor Ron Purser, Nancy Schatzeder, Wally Setlock, Jane Shelton, Art Zwemke. Guest: Kathleen Sullivan Kaska

**Absent:** Gianna Marchese, Marilyn Poole

Wally Setlock began the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and Pastor Ron gave the opening prayer.

Wally asked if everyone had brought their budgets for 2013. He then asked if there were any changes or corrections to the November minutes. Nancy S. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ann. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Art reported that pledge receipts through November 30, \$150,636, are ahead of last year, \$145,679, by almost \$5,000. Our year-to-date deficit is (\$24,075) vs. our Annual Budgeted deficit of (\$37,395) and we will probably end the year with a (\$30,000) deficit. Our deficit last year was (\$8,166), but we had the \$15,000 match dollars. The 2012 YTD receipts of \$200,193 are close to the YTD budgeted revenue of \$202,937 and our expenses are down from last year by \$20,000. We have spent less on snow removal and also Pastor Ron's insurance benefits. Our Worship and Spiritual Growth expenses are down by almost \$6,000, mainly due to our music program; however, there will be some expenses yet in December. We have not had to draw on our line of credit. The Bank of Geneva has asked for a renewal which we have to do on an annual basis. Art hasn't seen the receipts for the Crop Walk yet and Lori and Ann will get those to him. The UCC is offering a flexible benefits plan for Pastor Ron and possibly other employees. This is the first time it has been offered. Pastor Ron will review the information and let Art know if this should be implemented for our LHC staff. It was decided that January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual congregational meeting. Art requested any remaining budgets to be sent to him before Christmas.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ron said there is another problem with the chimney, but it has been cut down and the bricks have been kept on the west side of the church. The furnaces were not exhausting properly for many years and that is being repaired. He reported that the Dixon house renters are behind 2 months and it was suggested that if rent is not received in December the management company should take action.

**Moderator's Report:** The Petersen home had had a showing about once a week with one interested party but there is a contingency involved. The market is still very slow as the real estate market is down for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Karen Ashe will attend the January council meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the property.

**Old Business:** Nancy S. thanked everyone for serving on the Church Council.

Kathleen handed out an Evangelism Ministry Report and explained that the email blasts have been ongoing now for a year. She suggested that the LHC obtain its own Constant Contact account and asked Art to establish that account through Lori in the office. Three separate postcard mailings went out promoting the 2012 Christmas season events and 2 email messages regarding the Hanging of the Greens, Advent Tea, Christmas Pageant and the Cantata.

**New Business:** Peter mentioned that our UCC membership is a significant item in our budget and wondered if we should continue to belong. He asked what the benefits are that we receive. Wally stated that we should have that as an item on our agenda for the January Council meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne B. and seconded by Carol. It was approved with all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Marchese  
Church Clerk