

Minutes
Little Home Church Council Meeting
February 13, 2018

In Attendance: Louise Aughnay, Valeri Baldwin, Carol Berger, Anne Bouchard, Lori Haseltine, Judy Hopkins, Ann McLaughlin, Richard Malmberg, Chuck Sbarbaro, Kristen Thornton, Susi Winqvist

Absent: Barb Braulick, Chip Braulick, Bob Kaska, Jane Shelton

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.

Eagle Scout project Presentation

Charles Karwowski presented his Eagle Scout project which is to create moveable benches for use at church. His project involves the fundraising, painting, and placement of eight benches in front of Little Home Church. Information packets were distributed to the council. The benches would be made of cedar wood, painted in black. They would not need storage and remain outside year around. Charles would organize the project; oversee the fundraising, the construction and installation of the benches. The church would not be responsible for funding the project.

Louise moved to approve Charles's Eagle Scout project. The motion was seconded by Valeri. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: No corrections were made to the January minutes. Judy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Louise. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Richard submitted the following report for the past month. He particularly complimented the financial responsibility team's report. He also noted that the recent weekend events went very well with good participation in spite of the weather.

Pastor's Report February 2018

The last month has been a busy one. First off, kudos for the faithful preparation by the Financial Responsibility Team, we approved the budget for 2018 and the funding for a capital campaign feasibility study. Both passed unanimously. I thought it was an excellent Janual Meeting. Well done!

Thanks to the Men's Group we got set up for the Chili Cook Off and prepared food for Fat Sunday on a snowy weekend. Thanks to several devoted volunteers we cleaned up from the Cook Off and were ready for the breakfast the next day. Thanks to all the chefs and hungry attendees, we had a successful event that raised money for our outreach ministry, and we crowned Ruth Lishamer Queen Chili Bean, with Katherine Karwowski and Gerry James in runner up position.

We are about a month into our meditation gatherings on Thursday mornings in the Guild House without missing a session. I am also looking forward to leading the Lenten Study on Wednesday evenings.

All in all, 2018 seems off to a good start.

Faithfully submitted,
Richard Malmberg, Pastor

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. The letters and numbers indicate different sections or pages of the report. A complete copy of the report is available from the office.

Treasurer's Report: January 2018 Financials

A - 1 Total Operating Receipts YTD: **\$20,799 is 7.92% of \$262,319 Budget.** We received a \$25 payment toward 2017 pledges.

A - 1 Total Pledge Receipts YTD: **\$19,770 is 11.07% of \$178,500 Budget.** This number includes the \$8,310 in pre-paid 2018 pledges received in 2017.

B - 1 - 6 Operating Report. Current 2018 YTD Net Income (loss) of **(\$1,935)**. Compare to budgeted Net Income (loss) of (\$4,012). *More monies were disbursed \$22,734 than were received \$20,799 as the quarterly Pension Board and Church Mutual Insurance premiums were due to be paid in January. Compare to 2017 the Net Income (loss) thru January was \$10,273.*

C - 1-2 Balance Sheet. Overall financial position of \$247,033 on 1/31/2018. Compared to last month \$248,455 at 12/31/2017. Compared to last year at this time \$215,616 at 1/31/2017.

D - 1 Consolidated Fund Activity. Beginning 2018 balance: \$248,455 higher than beginning 2017 balance \$212,618.

E - 1 - 2 Food Pantry donations YTD 2018 \$213. Current collections are at \$512 towards the next \$650 gift.

Additional Matters:

- 1) *2018 Budget entered in to Church Windows.*
- 2) *The 3% salary adjustment has been made retroactive to January 1, 2018 for the Music Director and Office Manager.*
- 3) *Janual Financial Report updates: transaction correction made on Fund Activity Report to the 321.000 Pastor Sabbatical Fund line item; Operating Budget Comparison correction made to column 4 line 29, (\$1,748) changed to \$35,641 .*
- 4) *W2 forms have been distributed to the staff.*
- 5) *W3 form has been submitted to the Federal Government via post and W2 forms submitted electronically to the State Government.*
- 6) *Workman's Compensation annual audit completed and mailed to Church Mutual Insurance.*

Humbly offered,
Susan F. Winqvist
Treasurer

Louise moved to approve the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Chuck. All were in favor. Treasurer's report approved.

In January, we spent more than we took in as a result of several large bills. The snow removal fees and schedule were discussed since they were one of the larger bills in January.

Fundraising: Susi reminded council that the budget was approved with a \$30,000 fund raising goal for Outreach. She suggested that the council discuss ways to raise the \$30,000 needed funds. A few fundraising ideas that were brought up are as follows.

- Chuck reported that the Men's group is planning a couple of fundraising projects. One of the projects is a **fishing tournament** in June with a cook-off and **Shrimp Boil**. Also, the men are planning to have a **'model making 'day** at the church in early March. It was suggested that email blasts/publicity needs to be done to promote

the Model Making event. Postcards could be sent to the families who participated in the Christmas pageant inviting them to attend.

- Carol mentioned that Mary Roach is interested in doing a **progressive dinner**.
- Lori suggested a **'painting night'** with wine and cheese.

Susi felt that a committee should be formed. Anne asked that anyone who would like to be on the committee should contact her.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Christian Education: Judy Hopkins submitted the following report to council.

Christian Education Council February Report

I am in contact with the next presenter and principal speaker at a program that will extend Little Home Church's interested members and other attendees' understanding of what it is like for women who are Muslims to function as professionals in our present society, in the Chicago suburbs.

Huda Husseini, who is a popular, gifted chemistry teacher at Northwest Suburban College in Rolling Hills, happens also to be Muslim. Together with 2 of her former students or else other young Muslim women speak about their own choice to wear a hijab as they move about their professional lives.

Huda would be available for a program to be held on a Sunday afternoon, similar to the scheduling of the program that featured Rabab Gomaa, her colleague at NWSC.

Congregational Life: Barb Braulick submitted the following report for the past month.

Congregational Life February Report

The 2018 13th Annual Chili Cook Off was lightly attended this year, but still 40 or so people braved the weather. \$750 was brought in from the event. Eight new and repeat visitors attended which increases the value of the event.

"21 Questions" a 5 week study series, sponsored by C.L will be led by Richard starting February, 21st

Continuing to keep in contact with Kay Brynelson who sent me a note last week saying she is now ready for another visit which I am trying to arrange.

Condolence cards were sent to the following in January:

Dan Roach
Cadence O'Donnell
Johnson Family

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Braulick

Evangelism: Carol Berger submitted the following report for the past month.

Evangelism Report

I mailed flyers to all 2017 visitors for the Chili Cook Off. And, we had 8 of our frequent visitors attend, which was really exciting!

On Sunday, February 18, I plan to host another "Getting to know the LHC" dinner at my house. Invites have been sent.

I dropped off cookies to several visitors to say "hi".

Our new member Sunday is scheduled for April 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol

At council, Carol informed council that she will be entertaining five or six couples at her home on Sunday night. She is hopeful to get some new members. Therefore, New Member Sunday will be on April 15th.

It was suggested that a letter may be sent with the quarterly financial report encouraging members to pledge.

Outreach: Valeri Baldwin submitted the following report.

Mission Moments (MM) We have the confirmed MMs:

- March 3/11, Greg Weider, Fox Velley Hands of Hope (FVHH)
- 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
- August, 8/19, Mid-west Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV)
- * Note new staff, Yvonne MacDonald-Hames, Director of Development
- * Note former staff, Jane Tyschenko-Myśliwiec, Director of Programs

Neighborhood Food Pantry (NFP)

- * Kathy McKinley will be dropping Easter Dinner paperwork off to Lori the last week of February, giving us 3 weekends for signup.
- * Dinner drop off date is March 24th (week before Easter).
- * LHC committed to 45 dinners and Corpus Christi committed to 75 dinners.

- * In January we raised \$213, add to the \$229 from 2017, and we're 68% of the way to another \$650 for 2,000lbs (ton) of food.

Open Door

Barb Braulick, Congregational Life, is partnering with Jacob, Community Engagement Coordinator, for an event observing National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. A variety of events are being planned to take place throughout the week and the service area or McHenry through Aurora. LHC is providing the luncheon space (for an in kind donation). Jacob's vision is people be arriving at 10:30 to set up, guests start arriving at 11:30, lunch will be served, and then key speakers will share their stories followed by discussion. The afternoon will be close with a prayer for the healing of AIDS at 1:30. Then, clean up to be completed by 2-2:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gene McCormick, neighborhood artist

Judy informed the council that Wayne resident, Gene McCormick would like to display his artwork in our church parish hall. If any of the paintings sell, Mr. McCormick has agreed to give the church half of the proceeds. Council is in favor of displaying his artwork in the parish hall and suggested March as a good time for this. Judy will inform Mr. McCormick.

Ministry Fair

Anne notified council that the ministry fair will be held on April 22.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nursery Worker Resignation

Anne announced that Sherry, who has been the nursery babysitter for approximately twenty years, is resigning and moving away. Anne suggested that we do something for her. It was recommended that an email blast be sent out which would alert members of her resignation and allow them to donate money towards a going away gift. However, with only two weeks' notice, the likelihood of receiving much gift money is doubtful. Therefore, Charles moved that the church makes a gift of \$500 plus any other monetary gifts from the congregation to Sherry. Ann M. seconded the motion. Discussion followed. All were in favor. Motion passed. Funds will be taken from various funds. The gift will be presented next Sunday.

Financial Team Update: Feasibility Study

Anne has heard from Community Counseling Services (CCS) with a proposal to begin the feasibility study on February 19th and continue it through March. She will forward copies of the proposal to council members.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 12. Meetings will be changed to Mondays, with the exception of Tuesdays, May 8 and June 12.

Council celebrated Carol's birthday with a German chocolate cake, made by Anne.

A motion to adjourn was made by Valeri and seconded by Judy. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Pastor Richard gave the closing prayer.

Faithfully submitted,
Kristen Thornton
Church Clerk