

Minutes
Little Home Church Council Meeting
July 11, 2017

In Attendance:, Louise Aughnay, Valeri Baldwin, Carol Berger, Chip Braulick, Anne Bouchard, Bob Kaska, Richard Malmberg, Ann McLaughlin, Mary Roach, Charles Sbarbaro, Jane Shelton, Kristen Thornton, Susi Winqvist, Judy Hopkins

Absent: Barb Braulick

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

Approval of Minutes: No corrections were made to the June minutes. Valeri moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jane. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

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

Pastor's Report: July 11, 2017

As of July 1, I have been serving as pastor of Little Home Church for a year.

Since June Council Meeting we have held our Junual Meeting, perhaps my last first of the regular events around here. Actually that last first is probably my first choir picnic, hosted by Peter and Kathie Connolly. Thank you, Pete and Kathie!

In preparation for the July 23rd event hosting Joyce Weber, I have invited members of the interfaith community. In the process, I was invited to speak at the Interfaith Prayers for Peace event at the Theosophical Society of America in Wheaton on Saturday, July 8.

At present I am preparing worship coverage during my vacation, July 25 to August 15.

Worship Leaders for my absence will be:

July 30	Nancy Schatzeder
August 6	Ron Purser (Communion)
August 13	Anne Bouchard (lay led worship with Larry Dieffenbach)

I have agreed to serve on the Fox Valley Association Committee on Ministry, which meets one Thursday a month. My first meeting will be held July 13, at Immanuel UCC in Streamwood, starting at 9:30 a.m.

At council, Richard reported that he will be meeting with Jonathan Lee, UCC pension board philanthropy officer, who will provide some guidance regarding our restoration project.

He also mentioned that several members have requested copies of sermons. Richard said that he would have a few copies available on the table in the parish hall.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susi Winqvist submitted and reviewed the treasurer's report for the past month. A copy of the report summary is inserted in the minutes. A complete copy of the report is available from the office.

Treasurer's Report
June 30, 2017

A – 1 Total Operating Receipts YTD – Total Receipts of \$136,709 is 55.57% of \$246,000 goal, well ahead of the 3-year average of 52.87%. Total Pledges of \$99,300 is 55.17% of \$180,000 goal, a bit behind the 3-year average of 56.39%.

B – 1 - B - 6 Current YTD Net Income (Loss) of \$15,869 in 2017 compared to Prior YTD Net Income (Loss) of (\$7,154) in 2016 and budgeted Net Income (Loss) of \$4,557. So far so good!

C – 1 - C – 3 Balance Sheet. Overall financial position of \$242,410 at 06/30/2017 compared to \$262,429 at 06/30/2016 and \$251,072 at 05/31/2017. Note comparison columns.

D - 1 Consolidated Fund Activity – Higher than beginning of year!

E – 1 – Outreach – Funded 2nd quarter commitments.

Prayerfully submitted, last one!

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Arthur C. Zwemke
Treasurer since 1987

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p.s. Good luck Susi, you will do a great job!

Susi updated council on the “Challenge” fundraiser. As of June 30, there has been \$15,537 raised. However, since June 30th, there has been more money that has been collected and the match fulfilled. A total of a little over \$20,000 has been raised as of today. Discussion of the fundraising accounts was discussed. Final figures will be reported at the next meeting.

Louise moved to approve the June Treasurer's report. Ann M. seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Moderator's Report:

Anne Bouchard highlighted on the following items:

- Upcoming Sundays.... On July 30th, both Richard and Larry will be out of town. Susi will be pulpit associate.
- On August 13th, there will be a lay led service.
- September 10th – Outdoor service – Cookout and service at the Pratt Wayne Wood Forest Preserve

MINISTRY REPORTS

Christian Education: Judy Hopkins and Lori Haseltine are the new Christian Education co-chairs.

Congregational Life: Barb Braulick has nothing new to report. She was not able to attend the meeting.

Evangelism: Carol Berger submitted the following report.

EVANGELISM REPORT: July, 2017

I have several initiatives as Chairman of Evangelism for this coming year.

- Reach out to LHC members who have been absent
- Join the Wayne Welcome wagon brigade and introduce LHC to all new Wayne residents.
- Make personal contact with all visitors and invite them to LHC events throughout the year
- Publish a new church photo directory
- Secure LHC table at Wayne Day
- Post LHC events at the Wayne Post office and surrounding area
- Reach out to church members for people they might know who are looking for a new church home.

Carol reported that she will be working with the Welcome Wagon to provide them with water bottles and other information about our church to distribute.

Facilities: Chuck Sbarbaro is the new facilities chair. Anne B. reported that a pest control service dealt with the carpenter bees that were drilling into the sides of the sanctuary.

Outreach: Valeri Baldwin passed out information for the Shopping Cart Shuffle, a fundraising run for the Neighborhood Food Pantries, to be held August 12. Event information will be shared in the newsletter. Also, Valeri forwarded a copy of the 2016 annual report for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets to council.

Stewardship: Bob Kaska reported that the Spring challenge match has been matched and the final report will be given at the August meeting.

Worship and Spiritual Growth: Jane Shelton will be coordinating a group of people who sew to make 'fidget' quilts and aprons for seniors who suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia. They will meet on a couple of Saturdays sometime in August and September. She is also accepting donations of various 'tactile' items to use to make the quilt.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holocaust speaker:

Anne passed out posters of the Holocaust speaker for council members to distribute.

The Renovation Project:

Anne mentioned that the Renovation Project kick off will be postponed until early 2018.

There will be a meeting with Jonathan Lee, form the UCC pension, who will advise us regarding fundraising. Anne and Richard asked if any council member would like to be present.

Mary Roach reported on a **Progressive Dinner** that may be used as a “kick off” fundraising event for the Renovation Project. A menu would be set. Different parts of the dinner would be in different homes. This dinner will probably be next spring and hopes to attract at least 100 people.

Anne reviewed the contracts for Lisa Sharp and their proposed contracts. Lisa Sharp Architects Inc. is requesting \$12,000 for the preparation of conceptual drawings for the remodeling work that is being considered. The firm has already been paid approx. \$27,000 for preparing a detailed report regarding the existing condition of our facilities and assessing which projects must be done in order to preserve our facilities and which projects would be an improvement to our property.

Ann M. moved to approve the Additional Service Agreement #02 - Concept Developments of between Architect (Sharp Architect Inc.) and Owner (Little Home Church) with the correction of the principal architect’s hourly rate to \$125 per hour, to be paid from the renovation fund with a total cost of \$12,000. Jane seconded the motion. Discussion followed. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Anne reminded council to be mindful of good communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community farmer’s market will be on our church premises on July 28th. Kate O’Rourke and Kelly Hadfield are coordinating the event. Donations of vegetable or baked goods are appreciated. The proceeds of the market benefits projects within the Wayne community.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Richard gave the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann M. and seconded by Valeri. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Faithfully submitted,
Kristen Thornton
Church Clerk