

Minutes
Little Home Church Council Meeting
June 12, 2018

In Attendance: Carol Berger, Chip Braulick, Anne Bouchard, Lori Haseltine, Judy Hopkins, Bob Kaska, Richard Malmberg, Ann McLaughlin, Charles Sbarbaro, Jane Shelton, Kristen Thornton, Susi Winqvist, Jen Haseltine (guest), Karen Kaluzsa (guest)

Absent: Louise Aughnay, Valeri Baldwin, Barb Braulick

Moderator Anne Bouchard began the meeting at 7:10 pm. Pastor Richard led the council with devotion, followed by an opening prayer. Joys and concerns were shared.

Approval of Minutes: One correction was made to the May minutes regarding the moisture in the corner of the church. Judy 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.

June 2018 Pastor's Report

The past month has been quite busy. I have officiated at the most funeral's/memorial services in a month since arriving here nearly two years ago (Ardis Redmond, Jim Sweeny and Polly Heinrich). Both Memorial services were well attended and I felt that the collaborative work of the congregation put in a good showing as Wayne's community church. That was underscored at the 50th Annual Flag Day Parade. These early indications make me hopeful for other upcoming events throughout the summer.

I have been working to reestablish our relationship with the Ahmadiyya mosque in Glen Ellyn. They have a new Imam since I attended two years ago with David Russell. In June I attended Friday prayers and an interfaith Iftar dinner with members of the Men's Fellowship, and we extended an invitation for them to come to the Fishing Tournament and the monthly Men's Breakfast. We also met a member of the Amadiyya community who is a neighbor here in Wayne.

We had full representation at the Illinois Conference Annual Celebration at Elmhurst College, with a pastor and delegate registered and in attendance. Due to Polly's memorial service, I was only able to attend the first day. The second day conflicted with Polly's memorial service, which really needed to be held on the 9th, due to the family's travel needs. On Thursday the 7th the Conference held boundary awareness training, required for all pastors with standing in the Fox Valley Association. As I had not had such training in a number of years, I was required to take a refresher, and attended that day-long course.

I shared a milestone on Pentecost Sunday with Eleanor Karwowski. She was confirmed, and it was the first Confirmation I officiated at Little Home Church.

Faithfully Submitted,
Richard Malmberg

At council, Richard mentioned that Thrivent, a financial planning company who serves ministry personnel as well as others, recently held a couple of educational investment seminars at our church which the church was aware of. It was discussed whether they or any other financial companies should be allowed to do this. In the future, council decided that it would be best if

companies and events like this be approved by council before they are allowed to hold their program here and have the program promoted through our church.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susi Winquist 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 signify sections of the report.

Treasurer's Report: May 2018 Financials

A-1 Total Operating Receipts YTD: **\$107,346 is 42.51% of the \$252,500 Budget.** Compared to the **45.50%** 3-year average. Cash Offerings *light* in this past month. No other miscellaneous income.

A-1 Total Pledge Receipts YTD: **\$89,490 is 50.13% of the \$178,500 Budget.** Compared to the **48.30%** 3-year average.

B-1-6 Operating Report: Current 2018 YTD Net Income (loss) of **\$3,411.** Compare to the projected Net Income (loss) of **\$1,812.** [May Income \$9,000 minus Expenses \$14,685 for a monthly difference of (\$5,685)].

Compare to 2017 Actual YTD Net Income (loss) thru May of \$23,769.

C-1-2 Balance Sheet: Overall financial position of \$292,060 on 5/31/2018.

Compared to last month \$299,307 on 4/30/2018.

Compared to last year at this time \$251,072 on 5/31/2017.

D-1 Consolidated Fund Activity: Fund balance as of 5/31/18 is \$292,060.

Gifts totaling \$985 received in May for the 150th Building/Historic Preservation Fund. Expenses paid for CCS representative incurred during the Feasibility Study.

E-1-2 May Food Pantry donations were \$108. We are at 85% toward our next \$650 gift.

A \$154 gift received specified for Outreach. \$430 collected for Strengthen the Church, one of five annual UCC Special Offerings.

Bob moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Lori H. All were in favor. Report approved.

Susi notified the council that the church received an award at last week's church association meeting. The award was for being a 'five for five' contributor for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

MINISTRY REPORTS

Christian Education: Judy Hopkins submitted the following update.

I have been working on arranging a lecture to be presented at LHC on a Sunday afternoon sometime in the fall, 2018. I am discussing the subject of the presentation with the proposed speaker. When these are settled, I will present the proposal to the Council.

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

Cards were sent to Kathi Abell, Chris Thornton, Ruth Lishamer,

Anne is working on a more appropriate blank card stock to be used for sympathy, get well, or 'thinking of you' cards. These will have an artistic rendering of the church on the front by her daughter Olivia. Note the expense builds quickly when purchasing regular greeting cards from the store. Having our own line of cards would be cost effective and easier to send out.

I sent cards to Tim Shelton, Bob Schless, and Don Heinrich from me personally.

Facilities: Charles Sbarbaro reported that the shutters will be removed within the next few weeks. Once they are removed, the window frames will be painted and the windows cleaned, allowing for more light in the sanctuary.

Outreach: Valeri Baldwin is out of town at a business meeting and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Worship and Spiritual Growth: Jane Shelton submitted the following report.

WSG Report May-June 2018

With the Easter season in the rear view mirror WSG has mainly been focused on maintaining the status quo. This has not been easy as our star member of the WSG team, Kathi Abell, has been in the hospital. Kathi's absence from the weekly comings and goings of the church has been deeply felt - from the empty spot in the choir loft, which also means no treats after choir practices, to the lack of fresh baked bread at communion. Kathi also keeps the altar cross and any other silver items that are used in worship, polished and in tip top shape. Kathi's faith is strong and she cares deeply for and about the church.

I have been thinking about not only what I can do for Kathi (and Greg) but how I can keep WSG vibrant. Richard has suggested getting together to discuss WSG and percolate some ideas offering a dynamic worship experience. We haven't met yet to get the ideas going, but I look forward to shaking things up a bit.

Along those lines, Karen Kaluzsa and Larry have both recommended a mini-class on ushering and PA-ing. I think this is a great (and overdue) idea and will sincerely try to put something together.

Respectfully submitted by
Jane Shelton

OLD BUSINESS:

Website ministry description update:

Anne talked about updating the church calendar so that church events could be better promoted and planned for.

Financial Responsibility Team/Renovation update:

Anne shared and reviewed the feasibility report that was prepared by CCS. The beginning of the campaign is planned for the Shrimp Boil on August 25. Bob Kaska explained how the campaign would go and the necessity of having the community contribute financially to the renovation.. Bob suggested that we develop our Guild House as the 'Wayne Community House at LHC', with a focus on renovating the interior to make it functional and useful for use by community members and groups. This would hopefully heighten community awareness and interest, and encourage participation in the campaign by community members who do not belong to our church to have an interest and contribute money. After much discussion, Bob *moved that the goal for the renovation campaign will be \$1.5 million with a 'stretch' goal of \$2 million. The congregational and the community fundraising campaign will start on August 25, 2018 at the Shrimp Boil. The congregational campaign will end on November 4, 2018. The community campaign will end on Wayne Flag Day 2019. A specific goal of the campaign is to transition the Guild house to the Wayne Community House.* Motion was seconded by Jane. During discussion, it was suggested that the Wayne Village Board be consulted for their thoughts regarding a Wayne Community House. November 4, 2018 was selected for the 'end date' for the campaign for the congregation

so that the campaign does not drag on and compete with the annual pledge drive. Ten weeks was suggested as an appropriate amount of time to reach the members of the church to get their response. *All were in favor. Motion passed.*

It was suggested that the Blessing of the Hounds, 2019 would be a good date to dedicate the new Wayne Community House.

Chip mentioned that the members of the Joyful Joyful We Restore Thee Campaign Committee include members of the financial responsibility team (FRT) as well as others who will use their talents to assist with the project. The FRT will continue to meet throughout the campaign.

Fundraising for Outreach: It was suggested that a preview performance of the Cantata be offered to the community and that tickets be sold for admission. Other performers suggested were The Spectral quartet. And, another tour of the castle was also being investigated.

Charles moved to have a LHC choir Cantata preview concert on Dec. 15 to raise money for Outreach unless a more promising opportunity arises by the July meeting. Jane seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. Anne will talk with Larry about this idea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recently, Anne attended a workshop at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington, entitled 'Planning for an Active Threat to a House of Worship Training.' As a result, Anne shared a few items for having a plan for any problem that may arrive.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Richard gave the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane and seconded by Charles. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Faithfully submitted,
Kristen Thornton
Church Clerk