

Minutes
Little Home Church Council Meeting
May 14, 2013

In Attendance: Carol Berger, Anne Bouchard, Kathy Haben, Lori Haseltine, Bob Kaska, Jan Marchese, Ann McLaughlin, Marilyn Poole, Ron Purser, Nancy Schatzeder, Wally Setlock

Absent: Karen Hansen, Gianna Marchese, Dan Roach, Jane Shelton, Art Zwemke

Wally Setlock began the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and asked for prayer requests. Pastor Ron then gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Wally asked if there were any changes or corrections to the March minutes. Bob moved to approve the minutes adding Dianna Griffin's last name and the fact that she is a church member. Kathy moved to approve the minutes as amended and Lori seconded. The minutes were approved with all ayes.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ron reported that regarding the facilities, quite a bit of water had been in the basement of the Guild House and a new sump pump has been installed. The Peterson house had some water, but so did the Dixon house and a new pump has been installed there also. The dead tree in the back is in the process of coming down and the heating/air conditioning in the office is in the process of being replaced. The well tank in the church has been replaced and hopefully the pump will last. Dan Roach has repaired the noise in the sump pump under the church.

The Castle tour fund raiser was a success and Ron thanked Mary Roach and all of the helpers for such a great turnout and production. The net proceeds were over \$16,000. Carol brought cards and asked everyone to write thank you notes to Mary for 'a lot of work with a lot of people in a very short time'. Karen Hansen did an extraordinary job with the publicity. The major expense was the police at the corner to keep the traffic moving.

Regarding the Dixon house, the management company sent a letter to ask the tenants to be out by June 30 and they have asked if they can stay until the end of August. The house would then have to be shown with tenants; however, they are taking care of the house. There are problems with the septic field which may need to be addressed. Ron explained that we just cover our costs with the rent on the house. Ann said we should grant the extension and bring it up to the congregation at the Junual meeting. Wally said he has no problem extending the time as long as they agree to stay current on the rent and are willing to show the house. Ann moved to extend the lease until August 31 contingent on the tenants staying current with rent payments and that if we decide to list the house within this time period, they will agree to show the house with 24 hours notice. Wally seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. We will ask the congregation to vote to sell/not sell the house at the Junual meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Ann reported in Art's absence. The Total Operating Receipts are at \$95,263 which is 41.65% of the Total Receipts Budget. At the moment we have a modest surplus of \$807, which does not reflect the Castle income that occurred in the month of May. The money from the castle will go for the missions outreach and also the church, as was promoted. Bob asked how much money had been spent on facilities and Ron discussed the expenditures and the fact we had snow removal expense in spring. Abbott Tree Care is again taking care of our landscaping at no cost for us. Anne moved to accept the April report, which was seconded by Bob. All ayes.

Dixon Home: Wally reported that Karen Hansen said her realtor has not yet responded regarding the Dixon house listing and Wally will look for another.

Peterson House: Wally explained that we received an offer on the Peterson House for \$140,000 and we then countered at \$185,000. The buyer came back at \$145,000. Karen Ashe said he was not insisting on any inspections and the house would sell as is. Bob said we should change the MLS listing price to \$185,000 as it is currently at \$199,900. Bob asked what our recommendation will be to the congregation on Sunday at the Special Congregational Meeting to be held directly after the church service. Ann said we will be asking the congregation to approve the sale of the house at whatever the market will bear as we currently have approval to sell the house at no less than \$175,000. Wally said we should go to the congregational meeting and ask for a floor of \$160,000. Anne moved that we ask the congregation to lower the floor to \$160,000 on the Peterson house, and it was seconded by Wally. The motion was approved with all ayes. Ann moved said we should ask Karen Ashe, our realtor, to lower the MLS to \$185,000 tomorrow. Kathy seconded the motion and it was approved with all ayes. Wally will call Karen.

Moderator's Report: Wally said the Ministry chairpersons will need to be in place for next year. Ann will stay on Stewardship. Valerie Baldwin will take Outreach. Anne B. will figure hers out. Lori and Karen Hansen will stay. Carol will be leaving. Nancy has not yet decided. There is no Moderator Elect at this time. Last year's reports have been given to each ministry chair and they need to get their reports to Lori by the first Monday in June. Wally said please have some forward looking comments for next year's ministry from the chairs continuing on until next year. Lori brought information for the resource assistance booklet. Marilyn will bring the packet from the food bank and Kathy suggested that it be published on the website and updated as necessary.

Moderator Elect: Kathy explained to the group that Dianna Griffin will be here for the Danish choir concert, (she will be here in the next week or two). Dianna will be the organizer for the event and needs guidance for the promotion. She has someone who will be organizing the housing for the choir.

Ministry Reports:

Worship & Spiritual Growth: Nancy reported the last evening Bible study will be this Thursday as there are only two consistent people in the group and summer is slow. She would like to consider a new format, possibly a daytime or weekend time slot would be better. Nancy will discuss this with Pastor Ron and Lori. Music Sunday is now June 9th. The 5th Sunday in June will be a workday and Don Heinrich will be preaching.

Christian Education: Lori said Vacation Bible School will be June 10-14, from 9 to 11. Larry cannot do the music so Jen Haseltine will do it. The theme is Everywhere Fun Fair with different countries. Karen will be involved with the publicity. Pastor Ron said that the Wednesday morning Bible Study will go on through the summer.

Congregational Life: No report.

Evangelism: Bob said he is will not be staying on as chairman. Emails are going out and Lori Prang is handling the emails now. The social media structure is there, as we saw with the Castle Fund Raiser, and the infrastructure is much stronger now.

Facilities: Wally reported that the water remediation in the Peterson House may cost \$1200. The system has been ordered.

Stewardship: No report.

Outreach: The missions that we support are all sending thank you notes.

Membership at Large: ‘We Noticed’ was discussed for listing in the By the Way and Carol will get that posted.

Old Business: Carol has given Pastor Ron information on the folding chairs and he is trying to get several samples in for approval. Carol will work on that. Carol asked if Lori is sending the pulpit associates the information they will be reading beforehand. Pastor Ron will check.

The LHC Calendar was reviewed and updated with today’s information. The links are not yet on the website for the flowers and fellowship sign-up. Anne will see if this is possible. The thank you letter for memorial donations has been drafted. The committee on trustees is governing the endowment fund. The by-laws have been rewritten and will be brought to the Junual meeting for approval. The committee will be very active in the next six months organizing a financial seminar and a survey as well as an informational brochure.

ONA: This Sunday, May 19, a movie will be shown called “For the Bible Tells Me So”. This will be another wine and cheese format discussion group.

Bob moved to adjourn and Lori seconded the motion. All ayes.

Pastor Ron gave a closing prayer at 9:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Marchese
Church Clerk