

MINUTES OF MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

The meeting began at 11:04 a.m. with prayer by Sheila Williams.

Attending: Pat Schaffer, Kevin Sangster, Margaret McCafferty, Gail Cecchini, Sheila Williams, Regina Listman, Denise King, Lillian Knott, Darlene Watson, Carole Marella, and Andy Listman as a visitor.

Minutes were read and there were no corrections. Denise made a Motion to accept the Minutes as read and was seconded by Darlene. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached Treasurer's Report. A Motion was made by Carole to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Margaret. All were in favor Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: Kevin noted that when his two-year term as Senior Warden ends, he will be stepping down so that someone else can take the reigns as Senior Warden.

The goal of Sunday School is 15 children and for the church, 50 active adults. This will be a two-step process. 1. To grow our numbers. 2. To make sure our members are happy with our communal life. The \$17,000.00 grant from the Diocese is to be used to grow our church. All Committee members should be coming up with ideas to help us grow our numbers. We should be looking beyond Women of Hope and going into the larger community i.e., Lions Club. Regarding a picnic, it might make more sense to return to Filomena's again, thus eliminating physical issues from being in the park (heat, uneven surfaces, etc.) Should we choose to go the restaurant route, it would be for "active" members only.

Renovations will begin after we apply for the second phase of the grant from the Diocese, and we find out the results of the energy audit, so that we know how much money to apply for. New flowers will be planted in the front beds to beautify the church. New computers will be considered as the current ones are rather old. It was mentioned that the cross on top of the old church is listing and rotting and needs to be repaired, painted and possibly replaced.

Junior Warden's Report: A new gas meter was installed, and it was warmer in church today. Regina requested a thermostat in the Sunday School, so the children don't have to paint with their coats on. The renovations should take care of the issues in the Sunday School area.

Office Manager's Report: Both Bob Huster (who attends Mt. Carmel RC church) and Kathy Vaccarella have both donated to our church and Pat Schaffer asked that a thank you note be sent.

Fundraising: Both Darlene and Lillian are trying to come up with ideas for Spring. The Wawa tickets have made \$792.00 profit at this point, and they are now on the third batch of tickets. Lillian pointed out that the Shortie does not have to be a Hoagie, that anything can be put on a Shortie roll, i.e., meatballs etc.

Pat mentioned that Women of Hope cannot accept clothing at this time, as they do not have the physical space to store same. The Ft. Dix base is also not accepting clothing at this time, but

suggested donating to the Red Cross. The Diocese has recommended RISE, which has locations in Central and South Jersey. They request photos and description of items.

Outreach: The Fourth of July Parade will be held this year, it's 75th year, and it was suggested that we have a car or a float in the parade.

Day of Prayer: This community service will be held at the Gazebo on Route 561.

Sunday School: The children are enjoying their time, actively participating in class and very well behaved. There was a surprise Valentine's Day party for them, and they did a craft. There are 6 regular attendees, and they are learning about creation, Noah and Joseph.

ECW: The district meeting will be held at Good Shepherd. Regina stated that she believes she will not be able to do the Fish Fry and Pancake dinner but will give it more thought. She suggested that the church sponsor a baseball team, thus getting our name out into the community. It was stated that West Berlin is not allowing any sports at this time. Regina and Carole will be working on a picture collage of church activities.

GSFF: A meeting was held last week discussing four beneficiaries. One has not been to church in some time and possibly attending another church. The recommendation was that benefits be suspended at this time until they are attending more regularly. Considering inflation, the fund is healthy – it carried over \$1,200.00 from 2021 and \$5,320.00 is pledged for this year. It was proposed that benefits for the remaining three beneficiaries be increased to \$85.00 per month and may increase to \$100.00 per month in the future. A vote was taken, and all were in favor of same.

Old Business: A possible donation to Afghan refugees was discussed.

New Business: Nominations were sought for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. At the close of nominations, the following persons were elected by acclamation: Secretary: Margaret; Treasurer: Gail; and Assistant Treasurer: Denise. Margaret was appointed Office Manager. All the committee chairpersons from last year remain in place for 2022. Kevin thanked all committees and chairpersons.

The Auditor will be here in April or May. Gail and Margaret are to get paperwork together.

We might apply in October for a Board of Missions Grant and hope for more than the \$17,000.00 previously received. The sidewalk up to the old church is patchy and uneven and should be repaired to eliminate falls and that the sidewalk along the side of the old church be widened.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sheila and seconded by Darlene. All were in favor the Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 12:42 p.m. with prayer led by Darlene.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret McCafferty

Mission Committee Secretary

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