

Church Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 03, 2016

Present: Anne Lehman Shenk, Brian Bither, Bob Love, Cheryl Martin, Gary Martin, Jeanne Smucker, Jim Martin, Jim Showalter, Kristen Metzler-Wilson, Phil Shenk, Rod Maust. Jay Brubaker was present for the Safety Policy discussion.

Rod opened with a reading of Matthew 6: 9-13.

Disability Advocacy Team—Brian

Several folks have expressed interest in exploring disability advocacy ministry. Brian shared what such a team might do, how they could raise our awareness, connect with people who have disabilities, and encourage more inclusiveness of persons of all types of abilities and disabilities. Joining ADNet might also be helpful. Council affirmed encouraging such a group to explore this ministry.

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference proposal—Brian

Conference has asked the Camfell congregations if they might be willing to host the annual sessions in 2018. In addition to providing the logistics, conference programming would also be arranged. Council affirmed exploring this possibility if other area congregations are agreeable. Congregational feedback will also be solicited.

Safety Policy—Jay

Jay Brubaker, Jeanne Smucker, and Linda Kandel developed a church safety policy some time ago. This was approved by the council in June 2015 but never formally shared with the congregation. The policy was reviewed again by the current council and, after discussion/clarification, was given tentative approval, pending congregational input. The policy will be given to congregational participants, soliciting feedback/questions before final review/approval at the June 2016 council meeting. It is recognized that not every situation can be clearly addressed.

Treasurer's Report—Bob

Bob reviewed the Financial Report from Jan 1-April 30, 2016. He has purchased a Worker's Compensation policy to cover Shalom employees as required by law. He clarified the banking services we use. Council affirmed and named him (Robert Love) as our Secretary and Authorized Representative in our relationship with Chase Bank.

Housing Allowance—Bob

The housing allowance for Gary Martin from May thru December 2016 is approved at \$9000.

Mara Christian Church—Brian

The Mara congregation has started using the Shalom building on Sunday afternoons. Brian will soon be working on a written agreement, with them, outlining the arrangement.

Ministry Reports

Gary will be officially installed on May 22 as our Transitional Pastor.

Welcoming/Outreach Ministry has met with Gifts Discernment Ministry and a new approach is being implemented in seeking ministry members.

Fellowship Ministry has proposed a fellowship meal schedule for the summer months and feedback was given.

There will be no formal church workday this spring but projects are being addressed.

Next Meeting—Wednesday, June 1, 7pm. Agenda will primarily involve reviewing transitional priorities.