

CARING FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

MINUTES – January 13, 2020

Present: Ann Eckman, Pat Fry, Ruby Powell, Gail Havens, Patty Lewis, Shari Minnich, Connie O'Neal, Jane Schmeck, Marjie Mowery, Carol Beery, Lee Fischbach, Pat Frey, Pastor Rachel Schwab, and Karen Byers. Absent: Karen Morrow, Bonnie and Linn Black.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Karen.

On a Beery/Mowery motion, the November Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Karen presented an update on the Frances Drost Concert – only two tickets were sold! All but three tickets were given to Thornwald and Todd Homes for residents and staff.

The Winter Picnic will be held on Sunday, January 26, following the second service. A sign-up sheet for setting tables and clean up was distributed. An announcement, encouraging the congregation to attend the Winter Picnic will be announced at both services on Sunday (Lee at the early service next Sunday; Karen at second service). Dennis Minnich will provide a bingo game involving the history of First Church. Rachel will provide prizes. Pat Fry suggested a prize be given (\$25 gift card to Giant) to the individual who is the longest member of First Church, and will purchase the gift card.

Karen mentioned she and Pat Frey delivered poinsettias to shut-ins the Friday after Christmas. Karen and Pat felt it was too late for delivery and suggested we deliver poinsettias the Sunday **before** Christmas; if needed, other poinsettias would be purchased for the chancel, so the flowers would be there for Christmas Eve services. We need to publish information regarding poinsettia delivery for others to share in the process. In addition, Karen mentioned the Chaplain at Todd and Thornwald suggested we give artificial poinsettias; Council was not too impressed with that suggestion. Karen will check with the Activity Directors at both homes for their viewpoint. Delivery procedure for the Easter lilies was tabled until the February meeting.

A thank you note was shared from the Thornwald Activities Director for the gift cards presented to the residents for Christmas, as well as a note from Ann Herr regarding the poinsettia delivery.

Discussion was held regarding a donation for the UCC Homes Helping Hands Dinner and Auction on May 2. It was decided a gift card would be donated, once again. Shari indicated a card to either The Fulton Opera House in Lancaster or Luhr's Theatre at Shippensburg University. Further discussion and decision were tabled until the February meeting.

Pastor Rachel indicated she visited Karen Morrow, who is staying at Transitions at Claremont, and is undergoing intensive PT and seems to be doing better. Pastor Rachel also mentioned Debbie Mentzer underwent a second surgery on her leg and had to undergo amputation.

Pastor Rachel reported the Revelations Bible study has ended. The group is taking a hiatus until March, when they will be meeting at Square Bean Coffee House to view/discuss the video "Story of God".

Karen welcomed Lee back to the Council, following his recent health issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Chair