

## Minutes

### Church and Community Connections

Tuesday August 11, 2020

Fellowship Hall

Members present: Mike Coulson, Suzy Coulson, Shelby Holley, Don Mowery, Denny Minnich, Chaplain Donna Hale, Pastor Chris Schwab, Greg Lewis, Chair

Not present: Jeff Noble, Susan Stott, Sharon Shellenberger, Tanis Monroy

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

1. Opening Prayer—Greg Lewis
2. Approval of July minutes—moved by Don Mowery and seconded by Chaplain Hale
3. Informational items
  - a. A letter was received from Karen Rhody of Community Cares- thanking our Church for our participation and support of their services. They are currently renting space at American Legion Post #101 in the ballroom for 3 months but continue to look for a permanent space to house their residents. She invited our Church to reach out to them for assistance if needed by our parishioners. She mentioned that if we call 211, we will get a list of referrals for which our parishioners would be eligible. Lastly, she provided a *Needs List* for our distribution to our members and this will be passed on to Pastor Chris.
4. Old Business
  - a. Breakfast Table Ministry update—Chaplain Donna has reached out to New Life Church for further information on their Sunday morning breakfast on Sept. 13. The number of breakfasts to be served would be approximately 65. Our Church is responsible for arranging the breakfast which is to include 2 cold items and a hot breakfast sandwich. We have formed a subcommittee to plan for this event and will meet in the Church Parlor on Wednesday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to finalize plans for this event.
  - b. Community Cares continues to look for a permanent residence and is working with Denny Eckman to look at potential properties to rent or purchase.
  - c. Medical Arts Pharmacy prescription bag update. We were offered the opportunity as a Church to have our names placed on prescription bags but at a cost of \$295.00 it was felt that this the price was excessive for the benefit to be gained and we declined this offer.
  - d. Advent Walk—Suzy Coulson presented an update on preliminary plans for a 2020 virtual Advent walk. We have reached out to 12 churches to gage their interest in participating. 5 churches did express interest. Our committee discussed whether the timeline to complete the videotaping and church decorating, etc. may be tight to be completed for showing during Advent. Other potential issues that were felt to be clarified include the cost of this event and whether the other churches are willing to share the financial burden. Cleaning and sanitizing needs and choir participation during the pandemic also need to be examined further. Lastly, the question was raised about whether we should delay the timeline for presentation to later or postpone the event until 2021. Suzy will

gage further interest of the other churches based on these additional issues and report back to our committee.

- e. Central Penn Conference Care kit update-Suzy Coulson was able to purchase 3000 band aides as part of a Care kit for the Conference. They will be picked up at our Church and added to the Care kit for eventual distribution to those in need.
  - f. "Carlisle for Kids" event is sponsored by the United Way and will be held at the Carlisle Expo on August 13.
5. New business
- a. Pastor Chris announced that the Amani Festival will be held on Sept. 5. The Festival has received a grant to provide school supplies for students.
  - b. Don Mowery recommended that our committee take over the budget for 2 other events: the Advent Walking Tour with a budget of \$ 275.00. This was motioned by Suzy Coulson and seconded by Denny Minnich. He also proposed that we assume the budget for the Earth Stewards with a budget of \$275.00. This was moved by Don Mowery and seconded by Denny Minnich. Both motions were approved unanimously.
  - c. 2021 Budget Analysis for Church and Community Connections

As a committee we reviewed the budget and expenditures for our committee and felt that no changes should be made to the budgets of each line item for 2021. These will be summarized below:

Advertising--\$3000.00  
Special Projects--\$2000.00  
Christmas Fund--\$300.00  
Strengthen the Church--\$300.00  
Website--\$2700.00  
OCWM--\$25,000.00  
Community Emergency Concerns--\$1000.00  
Samaritan Fellowship--\$3000.00  
Meals on Wheels--\$500.00  
My Brother's Table--\$600.00  
Project Share--\$1500.00  
Safe Harbour--\$1500.00  
Domestic Violence Shelter--\$1500.00  
Neighbors in Need--\$300.00  
Mission Work--\$1000.00  
Carlisle Cares--\$2400.00  
Outreach Advertising--\$0.00  
Maranatha--\$5000.00

A motion was made to adjourn by Mike Coulson and seconded by Don Mowery to adjourn at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Greg Lewis, Chairman