**CARING FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Present: Lee Fischbach, Ruby Powell, Pat Frey, Gail Havens, Patty Lewis, Jane Schmeck, Carol Beery, Marjie Mowery, Shari Minnich, Pastor Rachel Schwab, and Karen Byers.

Absent: Bonnie Black, Lin Black, Ann Eckman, Pat Fry, and Connie O’Neal.

Karen opened the meeting with prayer.

On a Schmeck/Beery motion, the August Minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Karen reported a letter was sent to Tara Fischbach regarding the cancellation of the Guardian Angels program, due to lack of interest.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not we could safely have the annual Election Day Pork and Saurkraut dinner, as take-out only. Karen had spoken with Dr. Greg Lewis on how to safely move forward with this event. Pat reported on the additional expenses involved in having the dinner this year (purchasing desserts, additional paper products, etc.). The option of having the event as a drive-through/pick-up in the parking lot was discussed; it was felt due to not having adequate manpower, etc., this event would be cancelled for 2020.

Christmas gifts for Thornwald and Todd Homes were finalized. Karen will purchase gifts cards in the amount of $100 each to Michael’s, Giant, and WalMart (a total of $300 for each facility). Karen will purchase Christmas cards, which Council will sign and send to our shut-ins, in lieu of the Christmas poinsettias.

Karen reported she spoke to Project SHARE regarding the donation of turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and turkeys from 10-15 pounds would be adequate. On a Beery/Havens motion, Council approved the purchase of turkeys for both holidays. Motion carried. (Karen will order the turkeys for both holidays, pick up, and deliver).

Pastor Rachel reported both she and Pastor Chris have been making contact with church members. She has been offering communion to shut-ins, as well as having the opportunity to now visit members who are hospitalized (nursing homes are not open).

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Chair

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, at 10:00 AM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**