

CARING FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

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

Pat Frey and Karen Byers approved the February/March 2022 council business by email minutes. Council has not meet in person since January 11, 2022 due to limited agenda.

Council had decided at the January 2022 meeting to not plan a church picnic for this year due to COVID restrictions. Pastor Chris last month asked council to reconsider holding a picnic after he returned from his sabbatical. Council members were polled and by a 4 to 3 vote council will hold a picnic. Council discussed possible dates and Sunday, September 25 was picked as the best date for council members. The picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 service. The meal will be catered with council providing all the food and picnic supplies. An insert about the picnic will be run in the bulletins from August 21 to September 18. A signup sheet for the picnic with a cut-off date of Sunday, September 18 will be placed on the bulletin board outside the church office. There will be special music from the West Shore Symphony on September 25. An invitation will be extended to members of the symphony to join us for the picnic after the service. Pat Frey will contact Dave Rohrer to extend this invitation. The menu will be fried chicken, potato and macaroni salads, vegetable and fruit trays, chips, cupcakes, lemonade, water and coffee. All items will be purchased from Giant.

The 2023 council budget was discussed. Pat Frey made the motion to keep the budget the same as 2022. Karen Byers seconded the motion with all agreeing.

Pastor Rachel gave updates on some of our shut-ins and other members with health issues.

New Business: Karen Byers had run into Sonya Brown, Executive Director of the Women's Shelter in Carlisle this summer. Sonya indicated the shelter would appreciate casseroles being donated. The casseroles could be divided for each family and provide them with home-made nutritious food. Since this is more an outreach idea, Karen will bring this up with CCC council also. Both councils could possibly work together on this idea. Council members had many questions about how often needed, the size of casseroles, pre-cooked or not, freezer space or not, etc. Karen will contact Sonya and get more information before we determine how we could help.

Bonnie Black indicated she had a number of word search books left from a previous year council did gift bags for the residents at Todd and Thornwald. Bonnie is planning to donate these extra puzzle books to Thornwald.

Next Meeting: Council will not meet in September due to too many members not able to attend. An email will be sent in September to council to determine set-up date and time for the church picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Caring Fellowship Council Chair