

MINUTES FOR MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. with prayer led by Kevin Sangster.

In attendance: Kevin Sangster, Marg McCafferty, Lillian Knott, Carole Marella, Denise King, Sheila Williams, Darlene Watson, and Gail Cecchini.

Minutes: On Page 2, re the ECW, the last line should have read “It was suggested that ECW does not focus too much on outreach and fundraising, as we have dedicated Outreach and Fundraising committees.”

On Page 2, re the ECS, the first line of the second paragraph should have read “The Grant Application process”.

On Page 2, re the Sunday School, the second sentence should have read “Regina and Carole”.

On Page 3, re the Treasurer’s Report, the second sentence should have read “but his regular Sexton hours will not be affected”.

On Page 3, re the Treasurer’s Report, the third paragraph should have read “Darlene advised that 72 tickets had been paid for”.

A Motion was made by Gail to have the Minutes approved and was seconded by Carole. All were in favor and the Motion was passed.

Treasurer’s Report: The offering for August was \$2,849.00 plus \$44.78 from Vanco. The amount should have been \$8,045.00. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Henry’s amount may increase depending on the agreement we reach with him as our part-time priest-in-charge.

A Motion was made by Denise to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Darlene seconded same. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Sr. Warden’s Report: Fr. Henry is coming on board and is happy to be with us. The bishop reached out to Kevin to see whether we have a regular supply priest as the priest at the church in Williamstown was looking for another church. Kevin advised the bishop that we have been using Fr. Henry with whom we are considering a more long-term engagement and the bishop advised that, in that case, he will not disturb our plans. Kevin will draw up an Agreement with Fr. Henry and submit it to the Mission Committee for consideration and approval, and then to Diocese for their approval.

In looking at the most recent letter of agreement as a possible guide, Fr. Deacon’s agreement provided for regular weekly services, special services like Christmas and Easter, Pastoral Care, weddings, funerals, had 4 working days, 2 sick days, and paperwork included a provision re: termination, etc.

Fr. Henry has made some changes to the service, and it appears to have made people happy. Kevin commented that he didn't understand why some congregants had left our church over something that was said that wasn't necessarily intended to be hurtful but was taken that way. Kevin feels we need to make the service different and interesting. He suggested Fr. Henry might do a Healing Service and have the children feel that they are an important part of the church. We could also do a Bring a Friend to Church Day. He thanked everyone on the Mission Committee for all their help. Denise said her daughter offered that we should be using Instagram and Tik Tok as these are venues that young people use.

It was suggested that we entertain a Halloween Trunk and Treat event on the side lot and invite, at a minimum, the children of Women of Hope.

We also need volunteers for serving on the Altar; they need to be licensed if they aren't already.

Those on the Mission Committee need to pledge as there were only 9 that pledged last year, and Kevin would like to see 100% of the committee pledging.

Regarding capital improvements, the Sunday School could be made more comfortable for our children and so we could rent to outside groups to bring in more income. We will submit a Mission Grant application to try to get some funds to do some renovations to that area.

It was suggested that we could canvas the area by going door-to-door and leaving flyers/brochures about the church and what outreach programs we are involved in.

Jr. Warden's Report: Report was presented and accepted.

Office Manager's Report: There was no written report, however, Marg gave a brief oral report.

Fundraising: Lillian reported that there are 162 Wawa tickets that remain unsold. It was suggested by Darlene that we need to push tickets for the gift cards. Darlene will be setting up a table to sell tickets for both the Bag Bingo and the raffle tickets on October 6 for Berlin Day and on October 13 for Waterford Township Fall Festival.

Outreach: We are working on a grant for helping Women of Hope, which must be submitted by September 20, 2021. A lot of the women involved in this program are struggling with making it after coming off drug and/or alcohol addictions. Some have not finished high school and are trying for their GEDs, some do not have driver's licenses and need necessities i.e., personal, laundry items etc. They have relocated from around the corner to a little farther down the Pike in Atco.

Backpacks and School Supplies: Pat offered that two clubs in the area have donated these items to the schools, but Women of Hope need 10 backpacks for their children. Pat has at least 4 backpacks and approximately \$150.00 toward backpacks and supplies.

Stewardship: Denise attended some workshops and was given some ideas on how to proceed with this program. Some of the focus was the meaning of the program, actual pledging and how to go about the program. It was suggested doing either a pie chart or thermometer to show the progress of the program would be a good visual. It was also suggested that Denise recruit

volunteers to help her and that emails, letters, bulletins and newsletters, flyers and testimonials from people who are benefiting from our program, e.g., GSFF. If people are not comfortable speaking in front of the congregation, they could write out their speech and have someone else read it.

Sunday School: Today there were three children registered, but Ellie had to quarantine as she was exposed to someone with Covid, so Sunday will begin next week.

Old Business: There are 26 confirmed to attend the Founder's Day Luncheon at Filomena's. We would have paid \$500.00 to the VFW to rent their hall but we will have a separate room for our luncheon at \$22.95 per person, plus 20% tax, for a total of approximately \$716.00. The restaurant does not open until 11:30 a.m. In addition to celebrating Founder's Day, we will also be celebrating Fr. Chan and Bruce Cecchini's ordination to Deacon.

Mission Annual Report: This report is due October 1. Part A will be completed by Gail and Denise, while Kevin and Al will complete Part B (Grant Application). Al is working on getting the outstanding AC estimate from Kilpatrick so we can finalize the grant application.

Church Keys: The key safe is now neat and tidy. Kevin needs to update the list of who holds keys and is asking that if you have keys, please inform him of which keys you have.

Tent: We will be purchasing a commercial grade tent with two sides. The logo will be on the top, including our phone number and web address. There will be no tax, and free shipping and two sidewalls will be included, for a total of \$685.00. There was a motion made and all were in favor. Denise graciously said she would pay for the tent in memory of her father.

Nominations for the Annual Meeting will be discussed next month. There are three positions open, Kevin, Sheila and Gail are up, and possibly one other person.

Bishop Stokes is retiring in 2023, and each church must select six people to vote for a new Bishop. Good Shepherd will have a meeting on September 26, after church, to select the six people.

The Westcott Will: The rest and residue of her estate was given to Good Shepherd with the codicil that \$40,000.00 would always be kept in the account. The interest and dividends could be spent but the \$40,000.00 needs always to remain. It has now increased to over \$400,000.00, with the Rectory being sold and proceeds put in the account. Our former Treasurer took out \$25,000.00 to pay bills, but Gail has put in \$15,000.00 and hopes to continue putting more money in as we accumulate more.

Sprint is merging with T-Mobile, and they are offering an Alltel phone for the elevator for \$50.00. The same plan will be maintained as it might not benefit us to change plans. The question was asked if T-Mobile can receive direct payments and the answer was yes. Kevin asked if we are all in favor of purchasing the phone and all agreed to do so.

Kevin is hoping to make the budget as close to perfect as possible although it cannot be 100% accurate, especially with expenses. However, it should be a balanced budget.

Everyone whose activities affect the budget should ensure they provide Gail with the necessary information by November so she can use it to design our budget for 2022.

Scholarship Fund Draft Guidelines: Page 1, paragraph 1 – Support higher education, i.e., college or Deacon School or Seminary. “Accredited” should be added to the name of the school. The money could possibly be split for each year of a two-year college, rather than giving a lump sum. This would depend on how many applicants and how much money we would have to spend. The congregation could pledge to the Scholarship Fund, and we could donate the proceeds of a raffle or the Bag Bingo. The fund would keep building yearly if there are no applicants. One of the rules would be that the child/children would have to be active in church life to apply. The monies would be paid directly to the school, not the student. The criteria for eligibility would be high school to college but separate for Deacon School or Seminary.

The instructions: Somewhat repetitious but can be combined. Page 4 – 2b – letters of recommendation cannot come from family members. Page 2 – select criteria recommendations – everyone who meet the qualifications will be awarded scholarships.

A motion was made by Sheila and seconded by Denise to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting ended at 1:28 p.m. with prayer led by Kevin Sangster.

The next Mission Committee meeting will be held on the third Sunday of October 17.

Respectfully submitted.

MARGARET MCCAFFERTY

Mission Committee Secretary

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