

Refrigerator News

December 9, 2018



[This Week at Lincolnshire](#)

Monday, December 10

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Last session until January 7

5:30 p.m. GYM NIGHT

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Ordinances

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Thursday, December 13

3:00 – 7:00 Christmas Open House

Pastor Paul and Pastor Cheryl's Home

4332 Sanford Lane

Saturday, December 15

5:00 p.m. Shepherding Groups

Christmas Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Leadership Team Minutes - November 29, 2018

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Sara Loutsenhizer, Jan Williams, Jack & Judy Steckly, Carolyn Egolf, Marilyn Drudge, and Sharon McKay. Bob Kaylor opened meeting w/ devotions. Approval of minutes of Oct. 25 given.

Pastors' Reports:

1. In addition to printed reports for November, Paul noted there were 108 persons present Nov. 18.
2. Plans are in place for Advent, with several new persons participating.
3. Cheryl described "Each one bring one" visitor focus.
4. Cheryl also expressed thanks for all they received as part of Pastor's Appreciation Sunday.
5. Home School Pre-School: A request has been made to use the church gym one morning per week. Paul & Cheryl will draft a contract regarding our not providing insurance, replacement costs for any damage, and plan for a 2-month trial period.
6. FWCS Continuing Adult Education Program is to begin at Lincolnshire Jan.
7. Pat Boles (FWCS) indicated that classes will be held twice a week for three hours/session. FWCS will provide insurance, equipment, and pay \$200/month rent.
7. Paul & Cheryl invite the congregation to their home for Open House Dec. 13 from 3-7 P.M.
8. A power-point presentation of Lincolnshire's activities from Sept. through December is being prepared and will be shown Sunday, Jan. 6 during S. S. time (no classes).
9. Pastors' Compensation Contract: Paul explained the contract noting total compensation is exactly the same as last year, but with adjustments in line items related to insurance, pension, and pastoral expenses. Marty moved to accept the contract, Bob seconded motion and motion passed.

Calling & Discernment—Marty Kaylor:

1. Openings on Leadership Team for terms beginning July 1, 2019 are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Christian Ed. Chair & Vice-Chair, Outreach & Caring Vice-Chair, Property Management team member, and CDC member.
2. Call Process for CDC member will begin Jan. 13 with congregation submitting names Feb. 10. Call process for positions will begin in Jan.

Christian Ed.—Judy Steckly:

1. Curriculum is chosen for adult classes.
2. Nursery: Sharon McKay & Heather Grady work in nursery. Sharon reports children learning what is expected despite sporadic attendance.

Outreach & Caring—Sara Loutsenhizer:

1. Hospitality bags for visitors include bookmarks, mugs, hot chocolate, and booklet.
2. Christmas Bazaar is Dec. 8 & 9.
3. Telephone Prayer Chain is being handled by Jan Ward.
4. Ushers may be asked to serve on specific Sundays during Advent.

Property Management—Marv Loutsenhizer/Sara gave report:

1. Ongoing repairs & maintenance handled as needs arise with Marv, Howard Pletcher, Jack Steckly & Stan Gorom as the team.
2. Security—Questions raised re: who's responsible for safety. Ushers watch parking lot, entrances, etc. while congregation is present. Is there an evacuation plan? What if exits are blocked? Should we have a drill? Consensus was security issues need to be specifically addressed.

Stewardship—Bob Kaylor:

1. A positive balance is anticipated at year's end.
2. 2019 budget revised due to additional pledges. Bob says, "New pledges covered outreach, fellowship, lawn care/snow removal accounts, piano service, and a portion of office supplies. Priority replacement is AC reimbursement, office supplies, VBS, Christian education, and dinners."
3. "Christmas Eve offering will be divided 50-50 between COB Children's Disaster Ministry and our Social Action Account."

Treasurer's Report—Marilyn Drudge:

1. Giving exceeded expenses in October.
2. Final budget was reviewed and now stands at \$126,620 due to additional pledges of over \$6,600.
3. Appreciation was expressed to Marilyn for her thorough preparation and presentation of budget information and monthly financial reports.

Church Sign: Responses are positive, and data is presented for both Lincolnshire and Honduran congregations.

Worship & Music Team - Pastor Cheryl:

1. Choir, Bell choir, puppets, and chimes will be part of Advent services, with puppets Dec. 16. Jason Kaylor will play bells Dec. 23.
2. Casey Drudge, Sheryl Patterson, & Janice Circle developed themes and decorated altar, parts of the sanctuary for "Hanging of the Greens." Congregation is asked to help decorate Saturday, Dec. 1.
3. Vision Statement/Mission Statement: Marilyn suggested these be reviewed & possibly updated as part of a possible L. T. Retreat in May.

Next Leadership Team meeting is **Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019.**
Paul closed the meeting with prayer. *Notes by Carolyn Egolf*



Mark these fun dates!

Gym Nite Youth will be caroling through the Lincolnshire housing addition on this coming Monday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to be part of the caroling party is invited! Hot chocolate & treats will be served after the caroling.



Dress warm and come join the fun!



The Christmas Bazaar is open today in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 4:00. There's still time to browse and shop for a gift for that special someone!



All Shepherding Groups will be meeting on December 15th at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of sharing pizza, viewing a movie and spreading Christmas cheer. Jan Ward asks that you please bring potato chips and pop to accompany the pizza! Questions? Contact Jan.

Don't forget to check your church mailbox this morning before leaving for home. A routine check during the week revealed a large number of Christmas cards and church communications inside the slots. Many in the congregation place Christmas cards in the mailboxes thereby saving postage dollars!



Christmas is love tugging us back to God with the powerful clasp of a tiny hand reaching out from a bed of straw. – Unknown