

Refrigerator News

April 8, 2018



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 11

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Thursday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Calling & Discernment

Leadership Team Minutes for March 22, 2018

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Lori Linn, Terri Woods, Dave & Evelyn Bickel, Jan Ward, Sharon McKay, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Carolyn Egolf, Jack & Judy Steckly, and Marilyn Drudge. Lori opened the meeting with a Palm Sunday-themed video.

Pastors' Report:

Paul noted the emphasis on membership, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter planning, plus completed worship schedules for April. Sermons following Easter will focus on Psalms, and later themes will be drawn from *Battlefield of the Mind*.

Paul & Cheryl explained the purpose of a Lincolnshire Conference for Leadership Team and other interested persons on June 2, 8:30-noon. Balance of responsibilities and seasonal activities plus ways to align our structure with purposes are points of focus.

The "Leadership Framework" was explained and groups/teams will address items e, f, g, & h (purpose activities, and new ideas) having info to Paul & Cheryl no later than May 27.

A treadmill and bicycle were offered to the church by the Thomases. Idea was accepted with suggestions that equipment be kept in a locked room and always used with a "buddy."

CDC—Marty Kaylor:

1. Ministry Surveys have been completed and tabulated.
2. Spring Congregational meeting to affirm persons called to new or renewing terms plus District Conference delegate and alternate is April 22. Listing will be in March 25 Refrigerator News.
3. A letter informing Annual Conference delegate what the position involves has been revised. Letter will be given to District conference delegates also.
4. Receiving congregation's input on Annual Conference issues may be done in varied ways, and if the delegate prepares a questionnaire, CDC will tabulate results.

Christian Education—Judy Steckly:

1. Sunday school classes are going well.
2. Youth are helping with Food Bank collections and preparing tables for potlucks.
3. It was suggested items be collected for Food Bank and Baby's Closet in alternating months. Special emphasis is on contribution Easter Sunday of items for Baby's Closet's "Baskets for Babies."
4. VBS—Four adult leaders are already planning to serve; four more are needed. April 28 is a training session with \$15 cost/person. Judy suggested those who attend be reimbursed.

5. VBS Music—Judy moved that 10 CD's be purchased at \$6.50 apiece. Motion passed. A list of needed supplies was distributed, and collection will begin after Easter.

6. Volunteers are still needed for Easter Egg Hunt.

7. Judy was commended for her work on these many activities.

Outreach & Caring—Sara Loutsenhizer:

This group had no meeting in March. Birthday potluck is June 10.

Stewardship—Marilyn Drudge:

1. Giving exceeded expense by \$71 at end of February.

2. Budget giving is approx. \$600 less than needed per Sunday.

Quarterly Outreach payments may yield a negative March balance.

3. Checking account balance (includes numerous funds) is strong.

4. Marilyn was thanked for extra work.

Ordinances—Bob Kaylor:

Preparations are being made for Maundy Thursday Love Feast March 29 at 7:00 P.M.

Worship & Music—Terri Woods

1. Donated by the congregation, 31 flowers are ordered for Easter.

2. Sunrise and Easter services are planned, as well as worship services through April.

3. AV Team—More volunteers needed for a 6-week rotation. Katie will train.

Property Management—Marv Loutsenhizer:

1. Pet Policy as revised was presented. Marv moved acceptance, Teri seconded, and motion passed.

2. Minor things continue to be completed as needs arise.

3. Dahm Roofing has cleaned gutters and heat tape is working.

4. Elevator inspection will be done as required for license renewal.

4. Howard Pletcher, Stan Gorom, and Joe Kirkman are considering way to correct erosions problem at west end of parking lot.

5. Ben's Bug Company found no bug problems during their 3/21/18 inspection.

6. Church Sign—The sign committee continues researching costs and quality. Readability, amount of information that can be presented, size, and cost are considerations. Some monies are already available, and breakfast was suggested as a fund-raiser. Further research is in process.

Church Revitalization Conference: Cheryl announced event at Bethany Seminary May 16-19. She & Paul will be attending, others welcome.

Registration fee of \$140 per person will be paid by District, with participants responsible for lodging costs.

Next Leadership Team meeting is Thursday, April 26.

Notes by Carolyn Egolf



The third Sunday of each month is being designated as "FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY" for our pantry. Please bring your food donations with you to the sanctuary where a little red wagon will be pulled down the center aisle to pick them up. How fun!

Needed food items are:

Canned meats

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables

Cereal

Spaghetti & Sauces

Soup and crackers

Macaroni & Cheese ... Peanut butter & Jelly... *always needed!*

Thank you for your continuing donations.

Jan Ward has moved. Her new address is:

6424 Chinkapin Cove

Fort Wayne, 46835

Phone numbers remain the same.



AUDIO-VISUAL
---team---

We are looking for volunteers to join our Audio/Visual (AV) team! Ideally, we would like to add two or three people. A training class will be held to learn our current system. After the training, you would be scheduled a Sunday about every six weeks. If interested, please contact **Terri Woods**, **Bill Leverton** or **Lowell Shearer**.

Dollars and Sense

Contributions for the month of March totaled **\$9,190** and **expenses** were **\$11,319** resulting in a **negative balance of \$2,229**.

Year to date contributions total \$28,185 and expenses total \$30,244 for a negative balance of \$2,059. Year-to-date expenses are at 25% which is right on our budget. Our quarterly expenses were paid this month which is a part of the deficit. For various reasons our giving has been down. We appreciate your support and commitment making it possible for Lincolnshire to continue doing God's work.

Bob Kaylor, Stewardship Team