

Refrigerator News

February 10, 2019



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 13

9:00 – 4:00 Center f/Congregations

Thursday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Calling & Discernment

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Leadership Team Minutes of January 24, 2019

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Jack & Judy Steckly, Sharon McKay, Jan Ward, Evelyn Bickel, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Marilyn Drudge, and Carolyn Egolf.

Jan Williams, by phone, welcomed us to the meeting and gave thanks for the blessings experienced during her surgery and recovery.

Marilyn gave devotions. Minutes of November 29 meeting were approved.

Pastors' Reports: Paul & Cheryl Thomas: Summary printed reports were reviewed, with Cheryl noting involvement of children, plans for Women's Retreat Mar. 30, Gospel quartet formed, and value of Power Point presentations.

Paul noted: 1. Visitations related to hospitalization and funerals. 2. Feb. 13--Lincolnshire will host a Center for Congregations Event, with approximately 50 attending. 3. FWCS Adult Ed program will begin when contract is signed, and first month's payment is received. 4. Three shepherding groups are functioning.

Cheryl noted approximately 40 mailboxes are needed for children (Lincolnshire & Honduran Cong.) Judy moved pastors purchase whatever seems suitable. Marv seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bell Set: Jason Kaylor has requested usage of Lincolnshire's bells for performances this summer at other churches. Jason is invited to the February Leadership Team meeting to answer our questions.

Zionworx is becoming more difficult and time-consuming to use. Options will be explored at Sweetwater.

Calling & Discernment—Marty Kaylor: 1. Information is requested from each Ministry Team regarding responsibilities and calendar. This info can be passed on to those coming in to leadership. 2. Calls are being extended to fill positions on Leadership Team. 3. Congregation will be asked to suggest persons to serve on CDC, as Carolyn Gorom's term expires. 4. April 28--Congregational meeting to confirm those called to Leadership/Ministry Teams.

Christian Education—Judy Steckly:

1. Youth Class—Tom Dawson will teach with Laura Revard. 2. Nursery is being staffed by Sharon McKay and Heather Grady. 3. Kassie Griffin serves on Christian Ed. Team and is part of a Home School group. Children in the group may possibly use our gym one afternoon per week. 4. Recommendation to collect items for Baby's Closet's and Annual Conference donations was referred to Outreach & Caring. 5. There will be no VBS this summer. In its place three events are planned: **Saturday, June 22=Zoo Day, Saturday, July 20= Splash Pad & Games Saturday, Aug. 10=Carnival** with one of these expanded to a Block party. Judy moved and Marv seconded that the \$500 budgeted for VBS be used to fund these events. Motion passed.

Outreach & Caring—Sara Loutsenhizer & Jan Ward: **1.** Potluck Schedule was presented. **2.** Communications to congregation happen via Sunday morning announcements, Prayer Chain, Refrigerator News, and Bulletins mailed to absentees, Bulletin Board, notes, calls, and e-mails. **3.** Kitchen Policy was presented and will be posted in kitchens and included in informational book in main kitchen. **Quilters' Room:** Locks on doors are not by request of quilters, but rather for general safety.

Property Management—Marv Loutsenhizer:

1. Fire extinguishers were checked and passed inspection Jan. 9, 2019. **2.** Boilers: Poorman's serviced a boiler in Oct. and another in Jan. Due to their findings, "...we have invested money to clean the burners, heat exchangers, condenser traps, and installed new igniters." **3.** Baptistry is being repaired by Casey Drudge & Stan Gorom. **4.** Parking lot has been plowed twice by Alan Kirkman. Cost varies due to depth of snow and time required. Tom Tiernon cleans the walks on Saturday night.

Stewardship—Bob Kaylor: **1.** 2018 Budget ended in the black.

2. Motion: "Limit special offerings to one per quarter plus Christmas Eve offering". Discussion referenced numerous opportunities to give—some offerings—some donations. Camp, Food Bank, Annual Conference project, and Ministries described in Forums, were mentioned. Motion was referred back to Stewardship for clarification. **3. Food Bank:** Jack Steckly asked for guidance regarding distribution of food past recommended use date. Food well past recommended date is not given, and it was suggested a brief memo be placed in food bags giving the recipients the responsibility/choice of use. Guidelines in written form may be developed.

Treasurer's Report—Marilyn Drudge: November and December financial reports were distributed. Giving exceeded expenses resulting in a positive year-end balance. Teams were commended for holding back on expenses. Marilyn shared a list of monies given beyond budget including gifts to Camp, Social Action, VBS, and Sign Fund among others. Total was over \$9,000.

Music & Worship—Cheryl Thomas: **1.** Organization of Hanging of the Greens yielded efficiency, and Advent season was a time of much activity, involvement of many, and excellent attendance. **2.** Gratitude was expressed to Ruth Strole for her help with acolytes, children's planning, and serving as "checker" on Sunday mornings. Appreciation was also expressed to others on Music & Worship Team. **3.** Attendance figures were reviewed, and patterns noted. **4.** Sermon themes through August are set and include Prayers of Scripture, Psalms, Hope, and Characters of the Bible. Paul & Cheryl welcome ideas, materials, and additional resources that would enhance their planning. **5.** March 6 is Ash Wednesday.

Next Leadership Team meeting is Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Paul Thomas closed the meeting with prayer.



Happy Birthday to Genia Irby on February 18!
Have a fantastic day!



YOU ARE INVITED

Women's Retreat at Lincolnshire

Saturday March 30, 2019

Guest speaker is DEBBIE ROTH.

9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Registration at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee/rolls/lunch provided

Cost is \$20/person

THEME: "SPRING FORWARD"

Sign up in church office, during Women's Bible Study, by email, or stop by the Hospitality Table on Sunday morning. Forms available. More details on the retreat content will be forthcoming.



**The Church of the Brethren's 4th Annual Women's Retreat
is being held**

Saturday, March 23rd at the Bremen COB, in Bremen, IN

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$7.00 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch.

Guest speaker is Wilma Cender, an ordained Mennonite pastor.

Registration forms are available at the Hospitality Table or in the church office. Sign up deadline is March 3rd.



Be sure to stay for the Valentine Potluck dinner today following the morning worship service! Lots of good food, good companionship and Valentine love! Remember...there is

always room for one more at the table.!