

Refrigerator News

September 8, 2019



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, September 9

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study Resumes
Meeting in the room across from the library

Thursday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Calling and Discernment
1:00 p.m. Music and Worship

Mark your calendars for the

Special Called Congregational meeting on September 22
following worship service.

You will be voting on the matter by our congregation of the
Zo Baptist Church. See related article in this issue of
Refrigerator News.

Leadership Team Minutes -August 22, 2019

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Lisa Lahr, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Cheryl Leverton, Laura Revard, Ruth Strole, Jan Williams, Fred Ilnicki, Joe Henderson, and Linda Fultz.

Sara asked everyone for a moment of silence to prepare our minds for the work of the evening. She followed with a devotional reading and prayer. Marv made a motion and Joe seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 25th meeting.

Pastors' Report--Paul Thomas & Cheryl Thomas:

1. Written report included work with Music & Worship Team, Christian Ed. Team, and related to Outreach & Caring were possibilities for outside talent, including Marc Hammon (children's entertainment (w/adults) and Blackwood Brothers. Jerry Garcia may be a possibility for a spring concert. He is bilingual.
2. Hospital visits, communications, and working with teams in budget preparations were also noted.
3. Thomases will be taking vacation Sundays Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Dec. 29.

Calling & Discernment—Cheryl Leverton:

Annual Conference delegates to Grand Rapids, MI will be Cheryl T. with Paul T. as 1st alternate and Heather Grady as 2nd alternate. These will be voted on at Congregational Meeting Nov. 10.

Music & Worship—Cheryl Thomas:

1. Terri Woods is serving as part of the tech team.
2. Message Content will focus on Apostle John, followed by Minor Prophets and relatable hymns.
3. Digital sign and Facebook continue to be most effective means of communication about upcoming events.
4. Stewardship Month will be September. A skit or play will be given each Sunday to emphasize each spiritual gift. There will be no adult Sunday school classes on Sept. 29 for a presentation.

Outreach & Caring—No report.

Christian Education—Lisa Lahr:

1. Youth night (in place of gym night) will be every other Sunday 5:00-6:30 starting Sept. 8.
2. Based on surveys and the number in attendance at the Saturday special events, they will probably only have Water Games next summer.

Property Management--Fred Innicki & Marv Loutsenhizer:

1. Work is continuing on gym set.
2. Contracts have been let for attic project. One is for closing the holes where bats enter by Bats Be Gone. The other contract is for removing damaged and adding new insulation by Momper Insulation. The final total cost is \$3,518 down from a prior quote of \$7452.
3. Other projects included arranging for insulation on back wall of sanctuary, sale of approximately 52 of the old chairs, application of "Weed & Feed" to the lawn, and replacement of instruction frame inside the lift.
4. After Marv gave other details from their report, he was thanked for his diligent work in caring for the church property, especially his attention to the costs incurred.

Stewardship—Joe Henderson:

Joe invited any comments or questions concerning the preliminary budget. **Total is \$126,096 compared to 2019 budget of \$126,620.** He also reminded us that there might be changes made after the pledges are turned in. A question was asked about the uses of capital giving funds. It was suggested that an information sheet concerning that item be made available to the congregation during Stewardship Month. Joe made the motion and Cheryl Leverton (for Marty) seconded the acceptance of the preliminary budget. It passed by majority vote.

Sara adjourned the meeting and Paul closed with prayer.

Notes by Linda Fultz, Sara Loutsenhizer, and Carolyn Egolf.



"If I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected," says journalist Jon Katz. "Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, and don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together."

This applies to church life too. When we're annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it's tempting to drift away to another church — or no church. Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat. But our bonds with the family of God are "part of the glue that holds life and faith together." For the sake of the benefits we gain and give, may we "hang in [and] stay connected" with our church family. May we not "walk away [or] be distracted ... be too busy or tired." May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this "glue" — even when things get a bit sticky!

Leadership Team Minutes

Sept. 1, 2019

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Thawng Takkon, Jan Williams, Laura Revard, Jan Ward, Lisa Lahr, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Marty Kaylor, Evelyn Bickel, Linda Fultz, and Carolyn Egolf.

Pastor Paul explained the request of Zo Baptist Church to meet at Lincolnshire for their services, educational programs, etc. An informational paper prepared by Paul was shared, and Paul and Deacon Thawng Takkon explained intentions and answered questions.

Basics:

1. Zo Baptist Church has met for over two years at Waynedale Baptist Church, and as a growing church needs more space and wants to be closer to Ft. Wayne. Congregation has 44 participants, half of whom are children.
2. Pastor is Cing Do Nang, Deacon is Thawng Takkon, and adult members are from Myanmar, formerly Burma.
3. Zo Baptist will contribute \$250 per month to Lincolnshire.
4. Calendars will be coordinated to incorporate services and activities of Lincolnshire, Honduran, and Zo Baptist Congregations.
5. Zo Baptist will have their own sound and projection systems and will not use our piano or organ, as they use guitar.

Mentioned in discussion were . . .

1. The possibilities for children and youth participation in events-cultural learning and strength in groups.
2. Communication is significant, as is the need to layout schedules and check details prior to putting plan in place.

Marty moved "We accept Zo Baptist's request to rent our building as per proposal. An announcement will be made to congregation Sunday, Sept. 8 of a special congregational meeting to vote on the matter Sunday, Sept. 22 after worship." Jan Ward seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Notes by Carolyn Egolf