

CONCERNED MORAVIANS

February 24, 2019

Rural Hall Moravian Church

The Concerned Moravians held a meeting on February 24, 2019 at Rural Hall Moravian Church, at 3:00 PM and concluding at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held to update the larger group of actions taken since the November 4, 2018 meeting. 84 were present.

Dick Joyce opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and informing them of refreshments (David and Elizabeth Lancaster and Ruth McCall), restrooms, and collection basket for donations at the door. A heartfelt prayer was then offered to open the meeting.

Scripture was read by Cindy Morgan (Proverbs 1).

Judy Tayloe reported on updates:

- * Leadership Team grows with Bill and Judy Barham, Jerry Carter, Charlie Stott, and Tim Trollinger joining the team. They were introduced.
- * Last general Meeting was November 4, 2018 at New Philadelphia. Good attendance, meaningful discussion, and multiple suggestions.
- * On November 8, 2018 CM submitted our petition with 900+ signatures to the PEC. (again)
- * Prayer and Worship Service held on January 27, 2019 at Friedberg. Well attended and meaningful.
- * Request to the Unity Board for prayer for the Prayer and Worship Service brought responses from former Chairman of Rukwa Province in Tanzania and Cortroy Jarvis that they would be praying for us.
- * Received a letter from the Czech Province in response to Bishop Armando Rusindo's letter of October 4, 2018 entitled "When Principles Are Abandoned"

The two letters from Bishop Rusindo and the Czech Province were read by Compton Lane.

Johnnie Tayloe presented the list of committees that are in the process of setting up to help better establish the group's organization and distribute the work load. Sign up sheets are at the back of the room. Please, sign up for one or more committees in which your talents and skills can be used.

Calling cards have been printed with the Moravian Seal and our Mission Statement on them. Please, take some and distribute to church members who have not been participating in Concerned Moravians meetings. We feel they may be a good way to start a conversation about what we are working toward.

As with other of our meetings, we have people who have just now heard about Concerned Moravians and about what happened at 2018 Synod. Ideas are needed about how to contact members of the Southern Province churches that have no idea what is happening in our church.

A question and answer session was opened to the floor.

Q: Helen Gullledgeô Little Church on the Lane

Where can we get copies of documents that have been discussed today?

A: We will send by email or mail. A website is under construction. Domain name is ConcernedMoravians.org. At present, emails can be sent to us thru concernedmoravians@gmail.com

Comment: The Devil has infiltrated our church. Coming here today, all kind of things were in my mind as reasons for not coming and I had to fight to get them out of my mind. The Devil is hard at work trying to bring down Christians.

Q: Why do we not go to the press?

A: This is something the leadership team has discussed. At this time we felt like our situation would not be presented in the light we wished it to be. Dick Joyce spoke to this issue. He has met a free lance journalist, who is in the Moravian Church, and did not realize all this was going on until he had a discussion with Dick about Synod. He has expressed interest in writing an article covering the Concerned Moravians objection to the present resolutions coming out of 2018 Synod. This has, thus far, been the only viable outlet for media coverage that we have considered.

Q: Has anyone had discussions with the Durham church which withdrawn form the Moravian Church? It's time to speak out BOLDLY.

A: We have tried contacting Frank Venable, but have had no response.

Comment: Time to fortify ourselves for God's work.

Comment: Bill Barhamô Home Church

Simple way to get people thinking. Bright Yellow envelopes in the offering plate. In them, nothing, or tithe, or Bible verse, or note letting them where your tithe was sent in stead of the church.

Comment: Steve Allredô Home Church

God answers prayer in His time. Asked pastor to write letter to congregates with the Biblical references to back up her belief that Resolution 13 and 14 are right. He has had no answer.

Cindy Morgan called on all to be willing to stand for the Bible, as the Word of God.

Tim Trollinger gave the closing prayer and the benediction was given by Charles Fishel.