

Witness Commission: March 2, 2022  
7:00PM (via Zoom)

Attending: Jim Hollinger, Sandy Flannigan, Mandy Hileman, Sam Epps and Karen Ungemach

1. We spent some time processing the special board meeting held recently discussing the resignation of Eric. We are all in the grieving process.

2. Upcoming Events and Projects:

Racial Literacy Workshop, March 27, 2:00 PM at Etown College

The college is donating use of the Susquehanna Room to hold the event. Jim said he would see that registration is sent out soon. He felt there would be enough spaces for board members and the racial justice committee members to attend.

Earth to Elizabethtown Climate Awareness Event on Sat, April 23 from 11-4 at the Etown Fair Grounds

Damon Wagner Fields, Craig Coble, Don Ziegler,( among others) are working together to apply to go. They hope to have a conversation with people attending the fair as to why the church would be interested in this topic.

Chicken Bar-B-Que

Sandy Flanagan reported that they will be meeting tomorrow night to work on preparations so far for this event. It would benefit CCEPI and Haiti. Sandy Brubaker is taking the lead. Lancaster Gay Pride Festival: Saturday, June 18, 12-6 at the Clipper Stadium.

Jim suggested that we consider doing it again. We are considering a minimum sponsorship level: Serenity level, \$500. That sponsorship level would get us a A quarter page ad in the flyer that is sent out, also we would be mentioned in announcements, and a little publicity in social media. Mandy mentioned that the tattoos they had last year were popular and kept people coming to our table. We will see if we can obtain them again this year.

3. Jim shared a funding request from David Radcliff about his shelter in Nepal for women and girls who are survivors of sex trafficking. They are at risk of attack

from the same traffickers who first exploited them. The plan is to build a wall to help protect the girls and keep them safe. He felt he would need \$25,000. As of yesterday, he did already have \$16,000. But we considered offering \$2500 and a challenge to the congregation during Lent. The campaign is called, Keep 'em Safe! More information and updates on giving to the campaign can be found on the New Community Project website, under "The Latest" .

4. Jim again shared that he is considering other activities or wondered if there were other events that we, as a church, should be attending. As members of the commission, we were also charged with being on the lookout for other ways we could reach/support the community.

We will meet again next month, on April 6, 2022 at 7:00. Jim will send out a link a few days before the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ungemach