Witness Commission: September 6, 2022
7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Sam Epps, Naomi Kraenbring, Mandy Hileman, Sandra Flanagan and Karen Ungemach.

1. Updates on events/projects:

a) Jim shared that the family that had been living in a basement, and has now been moved into the Red Rose Inn. The Benevolence fund is paying the first week, Witness and the Immigrant Support Fund is also going to be helping by paying half of the cost of renting the motel, and the family will pay half. They are officially designated as "homeless" now and can receive some support from ECHOS.

b) Christian Nationalism- Sue Wagner-Fields suggested we run a full page ad about the situation after seeing Doug Mastriano hand out information as the only voice out there. Don Kraybill volunteered to write it. Jim was proposing that our congregation would do financing. It would cost about $11,000 for one full day ad. Jim is working with Interchurch Peace Fellowship in Lancaster on this. Naomi also suggested Lancaster Interfaith Coalition through a contact at the college. Jim will be bringing a proposal to the September Board meeting. Karen also suggested using social media to get the message out.

c) Ted & Company performance on Sunday, September 25, at our church: We need a rep from Witness to help Nurture Commission. Sam will be helping to set up and tear down. Sandy is working on publicity with Olivia. It was suggested that they contact other local Churches of the Brethren, and possibly a sign at the Disaster Relief Auction.

d) The next board meeting is September 12 at 6:45PM.

2. 2023 Budget: We thought to just keep things the same as they were last year. Jim will let Frank Rhodes know.

3. October 2, Love Feast: Love Feast will be held after the church service on October 2. The pastors would like Witness to come up with a service project, as was done with the buckets a couple years ago. We discussed two ideas, school kits or hygiene kits. We decided to focus on one, the hygiene kits, and Sandy and Karen will work on organizing that.

4. Next Meeting: To be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ungemach