

Monthly Minutes

Cherry Grove

February 2016

Attendees: Rob & Toni W., Bonnie C., Bob & Ida H., Jamie, Debbie, & Becky Sk., Tom & Brenda P., Cleone J., Garridan R., Linda A., Shelley G., Rob & Cathy K., Andrea D., Matt W., Margie H., Ollie & Karen B., Diane B., Ken & Ronnie P.

Meeting opened with prayer.

NWYM Report, Shelley G.: Shelley provided an overview of the NWYM mid-year meetings, held in late January. There were two major discussion topics.

First was concern about local church support for NWYM, with church support for 2016 now estimated to be \$404,000, approximately 13% less than budgeted. Adjustments are being made to reduce expenses, and there has been one staff position eliminated due to the shortfall. It is expected that 2016 will have \$94,000 less in expenses than 2015 following these reductions.

Second was the nomination of Brad Holton to the position of NWYM Presiding Clerk. This was an unusually emotional nomination, due to the perceived effects the nomination would have on the ongoing issues within NWYM. After extended discussion, the nomination was approved.

Elders, Cathy K.: Cathy provided further details regarding the nomination and approval of the new NWYM Presiding Clerk, including his bio and an acceptance letter.

She also reported on the results of the appeals process regarding the decision to release West Hills Friends from NWYM. During the mid-year meetings, the Administrative Council of NWYM met to complete the appeal process. The AC could not reach unity on reversing or confirming NWYM Elders decision to release West Hills. The path forward from here on the question is not clear, administratively, though it is expected to be discussed at some level at this year's Yearly meeting.

Stewards, Rob K.: Arden received a new office desk chair. Stewards met with the fabricator re: the Bell Tower replacement; needed funds to cover the cost may require fundraising. Box Elder Bug extermination services have been provided/applied; the exterminator donated the cost of the first application. The playground is still in discussion.