Minutes – October 16, 2016

Cherry Grove Friends

Attendees: Rob K., Toni &Rob W., Debi & Jamie S., Bonnie C., Margie H., Olli & Karen B., Bob & Ida H., Sandi & Matt W., Dianne B., Garriden R., Tom & Brenda P., Arden K., Camille R., Cleone J., Ruth & Don P., Meta M.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Nominating – Beth Means was approved.

Stewards – Rob King updated

Elders – Matt W. started off with the Child Protection Policy and implementing it, concerns, and how it was a VERY big deal. Everyone was encouraged to read it before commenting on it, both Yearly meeting’s and our revised one.

Background checks and training will start from scratch. Training will be 1 ½ hours on computer basis. Anyone working with all children under 18 or at risk children. No one can be in private with children alone, but can be in public. “Satan comes in in small steps, like a frog in hot water”. We need to abide by Yearly meeting rules because this is in response to people going against the abuse rules.

Overall, people are very concerned about having to implementing the policy and about not doing it. It will not be accepted today.

Thanks to Rob for doing the revised policy, he geared it especially for us.

Maybe after working with this, we may talk to other churches in this area, about what they are doing and how they are dealing with it.

After the background checks come in, we will have a list of people who have passed checks and can fill in until others pass. Also, online training will have a list of who passed. Sandi and Tami will take care of this too.

It was also brought up about having service on Christmas day. We have a service on Christmas eve, but should we have one on Sunday, Christmas day? If others want to fellowship can they? AA groups have someone here for people that need to talk, would they not want to come if they see a lot of cars in the parking lot? Some people are alone and only come on holidays and will have no place to go. If members know of people, we could put it in the announcements that if members would like to invite them to their homes to connect. if someone volunteers to be here, they could have a small group come together to worship. It would be light. It would be uplifting and open for others as an outreach.