

July 26, 1970

The group, who feels a need for a church in Lititz, held their first meeting to discuss this work on July 26, at 6:30 P.M. in the new wing of the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church.

Glenn Turner had the opening prayer.

Bob Sarik started by stating that we can not get any help from Home Missions in 1971. We could only get help through the Brethren Minute Men by 1972.

Joy Ruhl made a motion to start a church in Lititz.

Sam Snader second the motion.

Roy Davidson asked for discussion on this. Thirteen families were on the list and three single names. Problems on starting a church were discussed. We need to pray, need leadership, and need financial backing. Bob Sarik summarized this by stating that when the vote is taken we must stand behind it. We must all be committed to the Lord. George Schoenberger asked if we feel we really need a church in Lititz or if the Lord should want a church somewhere else would we be down hearted.

Glenn Turner asked if all the people who signed the list were able to vote. Only members of the church are allowed to vote. Any family of the church was allowed to sign this list. There were no new names added at the meeting. Pastor Malles asked that we follow the Constitution of the church as to the voting. People who are not members and cannot vote are not considered a negative vote. Names were read on who would have votes. Fifteen were in favor of starting a church.

Those nominated for chairman were: Bob Ruhl, Roy Davidson-declined, and Lloyd Alexander. Bob Ruhl was elected chairman.

Those nominated for secretary were: Peggy Ruhl-declined, Orlena Felpel, Jane Shreiner, Alice Ruhl-declined, Pauline Ruhl-declined.

Roy Davidson made the move that the nomination be closed.

Alice Ruhl second the move.

Orlena Felpel was elected secretary.

Prayer was asked for these leaders.

Jane Shreiner was asked to start a prayer meeting.

Sam Snader made a motion to follow the bi-laws of the constitution of the Home Missions.

Roy Davidson second the motion.

Christ Lapp had the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Orlena Felpel, Secretary