

CPG Food Project

Report for the Annual Church Meeting - 2011

The CPG Food Project was formed as a ministry of Willow Springs Mennonite Church after action at the annual business meeting September 22, 2010. The initial goal was to have 10 shows of the Cotton Patch Gospel, as solo performances, to raise awareness and funds to address the local and world hunger crisis. Funds raised were to be directed to local food programs and to worldwide food efforts through Mennonite Central Committee and WHY Hunger.

Work began in earnest in January, with the show opening at Willow Springs on March 31st, 2011. A separate checking account was established to deposit initial gifts from the congregation, collected to provide seed money for licensure and miscellaneous expenses. Accounts were established in the church bookkeeping system to accommodate income and expenses. Since its inception, additional gifts from outside the church have been received toward overhead expenses.

After positive response to the initial 6 shows, a team was formed to help guide Phil and the project. The team consists of Minnie Andriotis, Pete Andriotis, Dale Bachman, Dean Bachman, Eldon Eigsti, Marilyn Eigsti, Beth Gerig, Elaine Good, Pam Kaufmann, Phil Kaufmann, Connie Krabill, Elvin Krabill, Cal Zehr & Carol Zehr.

At the first team meeting, the following mission statement was approved:

The mission of CPG Food Project is to creatively share the Gospel while raising funds and awareness to fight hunger.

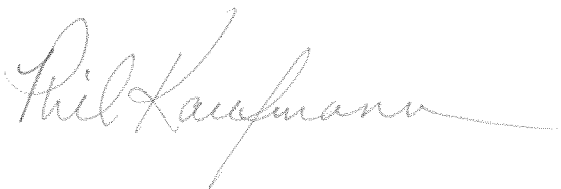
It was decided that the initial seed money would be used for music rental fees and for licensing the first run of shows. That way 100% of the funds raised from ticket sales and donations (given at shows) would go to the various food programs. Following the initial run, the goal is for organizations wishing to host a show to cover licensing and transportation expenses prior to, and outside of, the funds raised at the show. CPG seed money would be used if an organization is not able to pay these expenses.

Between March 31st and August 21st there have been 21 shows, mostly in churches, in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana. These shows have generated \$25,298.38 which has been distributed as follows: \$11,140.32 to local food organizations, \$7,424.15 to MCC, and \$6,723.91 to WHY Hunger. Expenses above these include: \$1,730.50 for music rental and licensing, \$528.00 mileage reimbursement, and \$353.20 in other expenses (1 venue rental, poster printing, bank forms, & postage stamps). We have an ending balance of seed money totaling \$916.62. Financial statements are included on the back of this sheet.

In addition to financial support for startup money, the church provides a video projector. Church volunteer support in the form of sound and video technicians (Pam, Pete, Eldon – Cal & Elvin in training), internet and website hosting and development (Elaine Good & Steve Dubrick), and enthusiastic promotion, assistance and attendance at events, has been instrumental in CPG Food Project's success.

There are currently 4 shows booked this fall, with much interest both locally and outside of Illinois.

Thank you for your enthusiastic and generous support. I am excited about future opportunities.



Willow Springs Mennonite Church
Receipts and Disbursements
September 2010 through August 2011

	<u>Sep '10 - Aug '11</u>
Income	
CPG Income	
CPG Offerings	13,956.38
CPG ticket sales	11,407.00
CPG seed money	3,463.32
Total CPG Income	<u>28,826.70</u>
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Expense	
CPG Hunger relief disbursements	
CPG - Local Recources	11,140.32
CPG - MCC	7,434.15
CPG -- WhyHunger	6,723.91
Total CPG Hunger relief disbursemen...	<u>25,298.38</u>
CPG expenses	
CPG expense other	120.00
Transportation CPG	528.00
Licencse CPG	1,730.50
CPG expenses - Other	233.20
Total CPG expenses	<u>2,611.70</u>
Total Expense	<u>27,910.08</u>
Net Income	<u><u>916.62</u></u>

Willow Springs Mennonite Church
Receipts and Disbursements
As of August 31, 2011

	<u>Aug 31, '11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Centrue CPG Food Proj...	1,111.62
Total Checking	<u>1,111.62</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,111.62</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,111.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,111.62</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	195.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>195.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>195.00</u>
Total Liabilities	195.00
Equity	
Net Income	916.62
Total Equity	<u>916.62</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,111.62</u></u>