

First Mennonite Church Annual Business Meeting – January 10, 2018

Opening & Devotions: Church Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order on January 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. with 25 in attendance. The lamp was lit symbolizing the presence of God at the meeting. Karen Wiebe led the group in devotions on God's promise to Joshua, *The Lord is with you wherever you go*, and on the vision that First Mennonite may be seen in the community as a flower in a concrete crack, blooming in God's Love.

2017 minutes: The minutes of the 2017 Annual business meeting were read by Vicki Frerking. Larry Thimm moved to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Dorothy Zimmerman. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brett presented his report as found in the annual report and thanked the congregation for all they do for him and his family. Chair Ensz thanked him for his leadership, energy, and humor in leading the congregation.

Deacon's Report: Jerry Reimer presented the Deacons report. Vicki Frerking distributed the 2017 Deacons report as the one in the annual report was from 2016. Jerry said it's a joy working with Pastor Brett. He thanked the congregation for their generous offering to the Gift and Service Fund on Christmas Eve. Thanks to the congregation's donations and Everence matching funds, the Deacons distributed over \$12,000 last year. He encouraged members to contact a Deacon with any needs they could be of assistance with. 2017 report is as follows:

The Deacons have met regularly with Pastor Brett to provide pastoral support and to discuss both the spiritual and physical needs of members of the congregation. We have tried to assist Pastor Brett in providing church leadership through prayer, visitation of church members, communion services, and disbursements of the Deacons Gift and Service Fund. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Deacons Fund, and for all the support and prayers during the past year.

Submitted by Jerry Reimer

DEACON'S GIFT & SERVICE FUND

-	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Balance</i>
<i>Balance 11/30/15</i>	<i>\$4749.19</i>		
<i>Total Additions</i>		<i>\$7394.00</i>	
<i>Total Disbursements (\$12069.33)</i>			
<i>Balance 11/30/17</i>			<i>\$73.86</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>		<i>\$6620.00</i>	
<i>Balance 12/28/17</i>			<i>\$6693.86</i>

Chair Ensz thanked him for his dedication and devotion in serving the past three years.

Deacon Election: The nominee for Deacon is Jerry Reimer for a second term. A ballot vote was taken and the election was declared closed by Chair Ensz. Later in the meeting it was announced that Jerry Reimer was elected Deacon. Tallying the votes were Katie Jantzen and Barb Thimm.

Main Ballot: The slate of nominees for open church positions was presented by Dorothy Zimmerman on behalf of the Nominating Committee. No other nominations were received from the floor. Kathy Casey moved to accept the slate of nominees as presented; seconded by John Penner. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Committee Reports: The Annual Report contained the committee reports with the addition above of the corrected Deacons report.

Auditing Committee: Gerald Jantzen reported that all books audited were found to be in order.

Treasurer's Report: Ross Reimer, central treasurer, presented the 2017 financial report, noting that the income for the year includes an insurance check for the roof damage and \$12,000 that was moved from the foundation for payment on the window project. He then presented the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Kathy Casey moved to approve the proposed 2017-18 budget as presented; seconded by Alma Reimer. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Building Committee Chair Larry Thimm noted that his committee recently increased the janitor and grounds keeper wages.

Adjournment: With no other business or concerns presented, Chair Ensz closed the meeting with prayer and extinguished the lamp, symbolizing that God remains not only in this place, but goes with us into the world.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant