

First Mennonite Church Annual Business Meeting – January 8, 2020

Opening and Devotions: Church Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. with 44 members present. The lamp was lit, symbolizing the presence of God at the meeting. Katie Jantzen led the group in devotions.

2019 minutes: The minutes of the 2019 annual business meeting were read by Vicki Frerking. ▲Dorothy Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Marv Goossen. Motion passed on voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brett presented his report as found in the annual report and thanked the congregation for their care for him and his family. Chair Ensz thanked him for his leadership, energy and vision for the congregation.

Deacon's Report: Vern Jantzen presented the report as printed in the annual report. Chair Ensz thanked Vern and the other Deacons for their dedication and work on behalf of the congregation.

Deacon Election: The nominee for Deacon is Vern Jantzen for a second term. A ballot vote was taken and Vern Jantzen was elected as Deacon for another three year term. Doris Claassen and Don Jantzen tallied the votes.

Main Ballot: Don Esau presented the slate of nominees for open church positions on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Chair Ensz asked for additional nominations from the floor. Receiving none, ▲Kathy Casey moved to accept the slate of nominees as presented; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed on voice vote.

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

Committee Reports: The annual report contained the committee reports. The Cemetery Committee report should have an additional burial added as Janet (Mrs. Don) Penner, not a member of FMC or BMC, was buried here in 2019.

Treasurer's Report: Ross Reimer, central treasurer presented the 2019 financial reports. He noted that the Mennonite Foundation funds experienced good growth and the Profit and Loss statement shows that the church income was \$7,470 more than the expenditures in 2019.

2020 Budget: Treasurer Ross Reimer presented the 2020 budget and ▲moved the congregation adopt the budget as presented; seconded by Dorothy Zimmerman. Motion passed on voice vote.

Other Business:

1. Vern Jantzen, **Everence Foundation Committee**, reported that the committee had a video conference with Lyle Miller, Everence representative, about establishing a plan to facilitate large donations to First Mennonite. Vern said his committee will try to develop this idea more in 2020.

2. **Basement Carpet Replacement:** The basement carpet has been in place since the tornado hit the church in May of 1996 and is showing signs of wear. Discussion was held on whether to replace it with carpet squares or roll carpet. ▲ Ross Reimer moved that the Building Committee check on options for replacement with cost estimates and present those to the Board who will bring it to the congregation for final approval; seconded by Katie Jantzen. Motion passed on voice vote.

Adjournment: With no further business, Chair Ensz thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve as congregation chair and the opportunity to work with Pastor Brett. She prays that the congregation continue to become more Christ-like, and may enjoy the abundant life God has given us. She encourages prayers for the church as the search for a future pastor begins. The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. with prayer. The lamp was extinguished, symbolizing that God remains not only in this place, but goes with us into the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant