

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz. The lamp was lit by Pastor Brett, signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Jantzen, Lori Thimm, Kathy Casey, Lisa Goossen, Jerry Reimer, Vern Fast, Pastor Brett Klingenberg and Adm. Asst. Vicki Frerking. Ross Reimer and Dorothy Zimmerman were absent. Jerry Reimer led devotions.

Old Business:

1. The **March meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. **A Missional Breakfast** will be held Sunday, April 29 at 9:15. Surveys taken at a previous meeting on "what holds us back from witnessing" will be reviewed and action plans will be discussed. Vicki Hinz-Ensz reminded the board of Mustard Seed Grants available from WDC in the amount of \$250.
3. **Sister Church:** A sister church relationship will not be pursued at this time as there is not enough interest.
4. **Habitat for Humanity offering from December 9, 2017:** Vicki Hinz-Ensz will ask Ross to send this offering in to the local Habitat organization. It was being held because the future of the local Habitat for Humanity was uncertain. It was decided that if the offering is not used locally it will be used by the parent group.

New Business:

1. **The April 8 offering was for the Nebraska Rural Hotline** instead of Habitat for Humanity. It will be decided at a later date if the second Habitat offering in December will also be for the NE Rural Hotline.
2. The Hospitality/host couples will be asked to be sure the **lights are off and doors are locked** after Sunday services. In the past, Merlin and Rita Friesen did this as custodians.

Committee Reports:

Mission, Peace and Service: No report.

Worship Council:

1. \$200 was given to *Open Road* out of the guest speaker fund
2. The Homestead Harmonizers will sing June 10 and a potluck will follow.
3. The Mennonite Men's Singers who were scheduled to come June 2 will not be coming after all.

Education Council: VBS Registration forms are available online. The VBS offering will be for the Salvation Army in Beatrice. A few volunteers are still needed.

Pastor's Report:

1. May 20, Samuel Vanderschaaf will be dedicated.
2. August 19, the Stutzman's will be coming and may need some travel funds to bring the family.
3. April 22, he will be gone and Tim Amor is preaching.

Building Committee: Rewound Motors of Beatrice is nearly finished with the organ motor repairs.

Treasurer's Report: The reports were distributed and reviewed and had the usual expenditures.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The lamp was extinguished, symbolizing that God remains not only in this place, but goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be May 17 at 7:00 p.m. with Kathy Casey leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.