

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7 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 Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Lori Thimm, Jerry Reimer, Marci Regier, Brad Thimm, Lisa Goossen, Ross Reimer, Dorothy Zimmerman, Vern Jantzen and Adm. Asst Vicki Frerking. Jerry Reimer led devotions reflecting on Pastor Brett's sermon regarding Polycarp vs the Gnostic Heretics.

Old Business:

1. The **March minutes** stand approved as read.
2. Vicki Hinz-Ensz disposed of the **outdated electronic equipment** at the recycling center for no charge.
3. Vern Jantzen, Pam Kunzman, and Brett Esau are planning to meet with an Everence representative on April 27 to discuss an **Endowment Fund**.
4. John Regier has volunteered to be a **delegate to the MennoCon 2019** in Kansas City July 2-6.

Old Business:

1. The Deacons have assigned **new attendees** to Shepherd Groups. They will also determine when the new attendees will receive mailboxes.
2. **Prison visitation:** ▲ Vicki Ensz, Lori Thimm, and Cassie Klingenberg have been appointed as lay religious leaders assigned to visit and minister to inmates. The Church Board of First Mennonite Church has approved this designation by vote.

Committee Reports:

Missions, Peace, and Service: They will host a Missional Breakfast with round table discussions on April 28. The tables will discuss predetermined questions regarding being Missional in your vocation and supporting organizations that help those in need through time, talents, and prayer.

Worship Council: They are planning the Maundy Thursday service with a soup supper, Communion and foot washing.

Education Council:

1. Summer Sunday School will be taught by members of the Adult Sunday School.
2. Junior Sunday School is growing with the addition of six children of the new attendees.
3. Peace Club is anticipating a possible 18 children in attendance next fall. They will be led by Judy Jantzen, Kathy Casey, and Barb Thimm. They are looking for additional volunteers.
4. The VBS Committee will hold a meeting following church on May 5 for the volunteers. The VBS offering this year will be for Camp Mennoscah.

Pastor's Report:

1. He will hold a catechism class next fall and spring for Clairra Janssen, Bonnie Jantzen, Asha Jantzen, and Ella Crawford.
2. There are currently three FMC children registered for Camp Mennoscah.

Building Committee:

1. Gravel has been put on the church parking lot.
2. The flood lights are fixed but there is an issue with the breaker on the pole blowing frequently.
3. Skyline Construction of Lincoln has looked at the repairs needed for the steeple and will be getting him an estimate soon.
4. The six trees along the east cemetery fence will be planted when the weather allows in the next few weeks.
5. Brad will investigate the mold on the bulletin board in the basement.

Treasurer's Report: March did not have any out of the ordinary expenses but the month ended \$4,483 less than it started. He will be sending the MiniAuction proceeds of over \$19,000 to the NEMCC Committee soon which will leave a large deficit in the General Fund. Church was cancelled on Feb 24 due to weather so one offering for FMC was missed.

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 16 at 7 p.m. Marcia Regier will lead devotions. ~ Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant