

## First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – August 15, 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, Brad Thimm, Dorothy Zimmerman, Marci Regier, Ross Reimer, Vern Jantzen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Jerry Reimer and Lisa Goossen were absent.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. The July meeting minutes stand approved with the following correction: Lisa Goossen should be listed as absent.
2. Church Picnic: Dorothy Zimmerman has made food assignments for the Shepherd groups. Dan Kunzman has volunteered to make smoked pulled pork for the meal and Rodney Ensz will provide brats.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Beatrice Chamber office has contacted us to see if we could provide a Live Nativity for the Lighted Parade on the evening of December 7. The Presbyterian Church has given permission to use their grounds. An announcement will be put in the bulletin to gauge interest in this project.
2. **Susan Hayah of the Hopi Reservation** in Arizona has **requested First Mennonite's assistance** in purchasing solar and propane appliances that are currently in a former church facility on the reservation. She intends to use the former church as a Missional gathering place on the reservation. After considerable discussion, ▲Dorothy Zimmerman moved to make the request known to the congregation so interested individuals may contribute (total needed for purchase of solar panels and batteries, propane refrigerator, heater, and washer and dryer is \$2,050) through the offering plate or Ross Reimer by September 1, noting that this is not a commitment for additional/long term financial help; seconded by Ross Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.
3. The board discussed the use of name tags again since there are several new families attending. It was decided that names tags will not be used at this time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Missions, Peace, and Service:** Nothing new to report other than the above report of church picnic.

#### **Worship Council:**

- The art display has had many contributions.
- They are planning activities for the children to do this Sunday during the Return to Turtle Island program. SYF will provide care for children.

#### **Pastor:**

- He will be gone September 1. Barb Thimm will lead a Hymn Sing.
- He has planned **Catechism class** for those preparing for baptism. He is proposing baptism to take place on Easter Sunday, 2020. They will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour beginning September 15. Currently there are five students.

#### **Building Committee:**

- The kitchen refrigerator is fixed.
- The hot water heater settings have been adjusted so hot water is available much sooner now.
- Skyline is scheduled to come tomorrow to repair the tower roof.
- He visited with the Extension Office about the effect the **Emerald Ash Borer** may have on the church trees. She suggests replacing them now because once you begin treating for the ash borer, you have to continually treat them. The Committee will plant a different tree species next spring.

**Central Treasurer:** No unusual expenses in July. He has made the contribution to AMBS on behalf of Isaiah Friesen as discussed at the July meeting. July's expenses exceeded the contributions by \$2,138.

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 September 19 at 7 p.m. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant