

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – October 18, 2018 7 p.m.**

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 Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Jantzen, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, Vern Fast, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Lisa Goossen, Ross Reimer, Kathy Casey, and Dorothy Zimmerman were absent. Pastor Brett led the devotions.

### **Old Business**

The September **meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.

**Tammy Wakem and Ruth Shepherd** have both been given mailboxes.

**All Saints Day Speaker** will be Larry Thimm.

**Recording Options for Basement:** Pastor Tim instructed Pastor Brett that to record events held in the basement we need an iphone, a tripod, a microphone amp, and a cord to plug into the iphone. These can all be bought for a total price of about \$260. The video can then be uploaded to Youtube, to be viewed publically or by invitation. A link could be added to the website to access the video. Pastor Brett said he is willing to try using his iphone before the church buys one. ▲Lori Thimm moved to try recording using Pastor Brett's phone, but purchase the tripod, the mic amp and cord; seconded by Jerry Reimer. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

**WDC Recommendations for archiving records:** An itemized list was presented from WDC recommending which church records should be archived and where. Upon review, it was decided that we will continue to save yearly records from the computer on either a DVD or thumb drive to be kept in the safe; membership records and Annual reports will be sent to Bethel College yearly on a thumb drive. All our other important records are kept in the safe. Emails of congregation announcements, etc will be archived. Pastor Brett and Vicki Frerking will review what is now in the safe and make sure the correct items are in there.

**Nominating Committee suggestions** were taken for a replacement to finish Rita Friesen's term and for the two new appointees to serve for the next three years. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will report at the next meeting who has agreed to take these positions.

**The Safe Sanctuary Child Protection Team** members are listed incorrectly in the Church directory. The church board determined the team should consist of the Education Council Chair for his/her three year term; the Junior Sunday School Superintendent for their two year term; and the VBS chair. The 2018 Safe Sanctuary Team is Lisa Goossen, Amanda Thimm, and Barb Thimm. The 2019 team will be Lisa Goossen, Amanda Thimm, and Erin VanderSchaaf.

**2019 Offering Schedule** was discussed and will be finalized in November.

**2019 Dates:** Annual meeting will be January 9 and the Cottage Prayer meetings will be January 13.

**Budget requests:** The Education Council, Worship Council, and Building committee will be asked to submit their 2019 budgets to Ross Reimer by November 7.

**Donation:** A check for \$4000 was received from Jacob T. Friesen, former pastor of First Mennonite, as a Memorial Tribute to Jacob J & Eva Friesen and Jacob L & Helena Friesen. The recent sale of their farmland provides the funding for his gift. It is designated for pastoral care of the congregation. Pastor Brett will acknowledge our thanks for this generous gift.

**Committee Reports:**

**Missions, Peace and Service Committee:** No report.

**Worship Council:** Will be meeting November 8.

**Educational Council:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:**

- The BMC and FMC joint Fall Mission Sunday will be November 11 with Wayne Stuckey of MDS as the speaker at Sunday School and Worship.
- Annual Study Series will be February 24 with Erica Littlewolf and Karen Kaufman Wall speaking on the Doctrine of Discovery.

**Building Committee:**

- Vern has oiled the linkage on the west door and it works now.
- He has bought batteries for the defibrillator.
- There is a problem with the upstairs west bathroom door unlocking.
- The repair and reinstallation of the stained glass windows is nearing completion.

**Central Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed.

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 November 15 at 7 p.m. with Dorothy Zimmerman leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.