

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – December 20, 2018

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

Old Business:

- The November meeting minutes stand approved as presented.
- **Stutzman Commitment:** We are short on funds for the Mission Partners the Stutzmans as church was canceled due to bad weather on the day the offering was for them. An announcement will continue to be in the bulletin asking for donations. We will reexamine our commitment to the Stutzman's at our January meeting.
- Ross has paid **Kathy Neufeld Dunn mileage** for presenting the Safe Sanctuary program.

New Business:

- **2019 budget:** Is there a yearly website fee? ▲ Lisa Goossen moved to add \$200 to the Education Council budget for youth resources. Dorothy Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion passed. ▲ Vern Jantzen moved to accept the 2019 budget as presented with the addition of the \$200 as moved above; seconded by Jerry Reimer. Motion passed. ▲ Lori moved to allocate \$18,200 of Pastor's yearly salary as housing allowance; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion carried.
- **Annual Meeting Agenda:** No items have been brought forward to add to the Annual Meeting agenda.
- **Property Tax Exemption:** Form has been filed with the County Assessor by Vicki Frerking
- **Everence Endowment Fund:** Lyle Miller met with Pastor Brett and Vern Jantzen to push his endowment plan. It was suggested we form a committee of three to look into this next year. This will probably be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Missions, Peace and Service Committee: Warren's Table will be showcased/interviewed in coming months.

Worship Council: Finishing prep for Advent and Christmas Eve worship services

Education Council: Christmas program went well.

Pastor's report: Men's Bible Study will begin January 17 studying Revelations. Articles of Faith were also discussed.

Building Committee: Vern has worked on the bathrooms and drywall repair.

Central Treasurer: Absent but reports distributed. The amended budget will be presented for approval at the congregational Annual meeting January 9.

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 January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. with Pastor Brett leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Casey in the absence of Vicki Frerking