

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – February 15, 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, Jerry Reimer, Kathy Casey, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Vern Fast, Dorothy Zimmerman, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Vern Jantzen, Lori Thimm and Ross Reimer were absent. Jerry Reimer led the group in devotion.

Old Business:

The January board minutes were approved as presented with updates made regarding vacancies filled: Dorothy Zimmerman will serve as chair of Missions, Peace, and Service Committee and Gerald Jantzen will fill the remaining term of Alvin Kroeker on the Auditing Committee.

Church Board Retreat Report: On February 25 there will be a Missional Breakfast and Roundtable discussions at 9:15 a.m. regarding the Church Board retreat to the WDC Conference on the Year of Evangelism.

Old Technology equipment: One of the sanctuary projectors replaced is now set up with the older laptop in the church Fellowship Hall to be used by anyone needing it there. The other replaced projector is in the church office and available for use to anyone needing it for presentations to Shepherd Groups, etc.

New Business:

Video Conference with Lyle Miller of Everence: A 30 minute video conference was held with Lyle to discuss vehicles that the church may want to consider putting in place to facilitate large donations given to the church. Following the video conference the board discussed the pros and cons of establishing a church endowment fund with Everence. This discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Plans for Year of Evangelism: The first event is the Missional Breakfast and Roundtable discussions this Sunday.

Committee reports:

MPSC: Dorothy asked the board for their expectations and vision for this committee. They would like her to be a communication link between the board and congregation for the many different missions and activities going on through First Mennonite. She can coordinate occasional five minute presentations during the Sharing time by these entities and groups.

Worship Council: They met and have Lent services planned with a Maundy Thursday Communion service. *Open Road* from Bethel College will perform at FMC on April 15. A meal will be planned for noon that day.

Education Council: No report.

Pastor's Report: Communion dates for 2018 are April 15, May 20, October 7, and December 31. He will be spending a few days in June assisting at Camp Mennoscah.

Building Committee: They've had no response to the custodian needed notice in the bulletin. Vern will check on other options in case no one from the church is interested. He has checked into painting the surround frames for the power point screens. The decision of whether to paint them was tabled for now.

Central Treasurer: Financial reports were distributed and reviewed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. 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 March 15 at 7:00 p.m. with Vern Jantzen leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.