

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – July 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dorothy Zimmerman. The candle was lit representing God's presence over the meeting. Present were Dorothy Zimmerman, Lori Thimm, Don Esau, Vern Jantzen, Jane Esau, Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith, Barb Thimm, Jim Ensz, Technology Committee Chair Pam Kunzman, and Admin. Assistant Vicki Frerking. Marv Goossen and Mike Goossen were absent. Devotions were led by Don Esau.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vern Jantzen **moved to approve** the minutes of the June meeting; seconded by Barb Thimm. Motion passed.

Pam Kunzman presented the proposals she has received from Midwest Sound and Lighting for **upgrading FMC's ability to broadcast services**. The proposals were set up to be done in phases. Phase 1 includes a new camera to be plugged into the sound board and replaces the cell phone transmission for broadcasting. Jim Ensz **moved that we proceed** with getting a specific quote for phase 1; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed. Information will be presented to the congregation, tentatively scheduled for August 8, (depending on receiving the quote). Congregational vote is tentatively scheduled for August 15th.

A Parents Night Out is set for Friday, July 16. Childcare will be provided by church members at the church that evening so parents can enjoy an evening out. The expenses for feeding the children will be under the Education Council's Spiritual Growth and Renewal.

Several of the Shepherds have agreed to **extend their leadership** for another year through December 2022 as they weren't able to gather with their groups during the pandemic. The remaining Shepherds will be contacted soon.

Steve Kehm of Kehm Organ Repair Service of Lincoln has been contacted about repairing some keys on the organ. He will repair them the next time he's in the area. It was noted at last month's meeting that we haven't paid him in awhile. He said he doesn't always bill us for small repairs. He will be contacted yearly in the fall and spring to oil and maintain the organ.

The **Church Picnic** is scheduled for Sunday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Earlier dates in September were not available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vern Jantzen **moved to continue to support** Isaiah Friesen's studies at AMBS, as part of the AMBS Church Partnership program, in the amount of \$250 per semester, totaling \$500 per year; seconded by Don Esau. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report: He listened in on several sessions of the MC USA Convention last week. He will be returning to the theme of looking at the Psalms for the summer. Then he will focus on the five essential practices of the church prior to Communion October 3.

Mission, Peace & Service Council:

1. As reported above, a parent's night out will be held Friday, July 16 with childcare provided by church members at the church.
2. He is making plans for the church picnic on September 26.
3. A meal train has been set up for Dick and Arylis Goertzen.

Worship Council: They continue to assist as needed and with Children's stories.

Education Council:

1. Safe Sanctuary training will be done through an online program this year.
2. Sunday School for youth is being planned. A parent meeting will be held August 15.
3. SYF and JYF will be combined again this year due to the low number of participants.
4. Peace Club begins on September 8 for seven weeks. Leaders are Barb Thimm, Kathy Casey, Judy Jantzen and Sue Gerber.

Building Committee:

In Marv's absence, Dorothy reported that Jim's Carpet will replace the carpet at the east and west entrances to the church next week.

Treasurer's Report: Vern Jantzen moved to approve the report as presented; seconded by Lori Thimm. Motion passed.

Other agenda items: The Search Committee reported that they visited with a couple of pastoral candidates who have decided not to pursue the pastoral position at FMC. The committee continues to search and welcomes suggestions from the congregation.

Adjourn: With no further business, the lamp was extinguished and the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant.