

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – July 19, 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, Vern Fast, Jerry Reimer, Lisa Goossen, Vern Jantzen, Ross Reimer, Kathy Casey, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Dorothy Zimmerman and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Lori Thimm was absent. Ross Reimer led devotions.

OLD BUSINESS:

The June meeting minutes stand approved as presented

The church picnic will be held September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside Park. Dorothy and Vicki will order meat dish and assign side dishes for the shepherd groups.

Guest Registration: A sample information card for visitors to fill out was presented. Further samples will be viewed at the August meeting. When completed, these will be put in the racks at both entries so the hospitality people can hand them out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Poland Trip Presentation will be given on the evening of September 16 by those who went on the tour.

Missionary Stutzman's visit: They will arrive in Kansas City August 17 and leave for Halstead, KS on August 21. The family will stay with Pastor Brett and family. The cost for the plane tickets and rental car is approximately \$2000. There will be other costs involved which will be shared with the Halstead congregation. Stutzman's will give a presentation at a Missional Breakfast on August 19.

Reschedule Camp Mennoscah offering: Camp Mennoscah Director Michael Unruh will be here on September 16. Because of his visit, the Camp Mennoscah offering will be moved from September 23 to September 16. The offering on September 23 will be for First Mennonite Church.

Joint worship with Immigration speaker with town church?: Pastor Tim Amor from Beatrice Mennonite Church has asked if First Mennonite would be interested in having a joint service with guest speaker Rosie Epp from the Immigration Task Force. The Church Board decided not to pursue this at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Missions, Peace, and Service: Dorothy reported that she attended a mission event at First Plymouth Congregation Church in Lincoln recently on the Zambia Rotary mission. She will have another MPSC report at the July 29 service.

Worship Council: Kathy said the Sunday School children will sing for worship on September 9.

Education Council:

1. Safe Sanctuary Training with Missy Timmerman will be September 9 during the Sunday School time.
2. Shana is reviewing curriculum for Peace Club, SYF, and Sunday School.
3. Amanda will be securing teachers for Sunday School which will be moving to a quarter system with teachers teaching for a quarter. There will be three age level classes this year.
4. Kyle Riesen will lead Bible Studies for SYF. JYF plans are undetermined.
5. They will meet again on October 18.

Pastor's Report: He will be attending the WDC Annual Assembly July 27 & 28. He thanked the congregation for providing for him and Cassie to go on the Poland Mennonite History Tour.

Building Committee: They purchased a new vacuum.

Central Treasurer's Report: The reports were presented. Ross pointed out that the Cemetery Maintenance Fund withdrawals over the years exceeded the earnings of the fund. He would like to transfer \$3,384 from the undesignated funds to make up the difference. This would get the Cemetery Maintenance Fund back to the original amount and allow us to use earnings to pay expenses as it was originally intended. ▲Dorothy Zimmerman moved to transfer \$3,384 from the undesignated funds to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund to bring the Fund back to its original investments to use as intended. Seconded by Lisa Goossen. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

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 August 16 at 7:00 p.m. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.