

Church Board Meeting Minutes – Regular meeting, July 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The lamp was lit signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. Present in the church fellowship hall were Chair Zimmerman, Erin Vanderschaaf, Vern Jantzen, Jerry Reimer, Mike Goossen, Lori Thimm, Jim Ensz, Barb Thimm, Bryan Heinz, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Bryan Heinz led the group in devotions.

The June minutes stand approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

The WDC Virtual Annual Conference information was reviewed. Detailed information regarding the Conference is on the WDC website and has been in the bulletin. FMC has no registered delegates but all are encouraged to watch.

A copy of Pastor Brett Klingenberg's Exit Agreement will be placed in the safe. A copy has been sent to the conference office and to all FMC families.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dorothy updated the board on current COVID-19 cases in our area and the CDC and Public Health Solutions recommendations. There was discussion on how to proceed in regards to the current church safety precautions. It was decided to leave the recommendations/procedures in place until the next board meeting and discuss it again.

**Vern Jantzen moved to support Isaiah Friesen's studies at AMBS Seminary with \$250 per semester, \$500 in total, for the upcoming school year; seconded by Jim Ensz. Motion passed on voice vote.

The annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle at Chautauqua Park. Missions, Peace, and Service Council will make arrangements for the food.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mission, Peace and Service Council: No report.

Worship Council: They will meet with Roger Neufeld Smith when he arrives.

Education Council: They met this evening. They are conducting a parent survey regarding attendance by children ages 2 to 12th grade at Sunday School, Peace Club, JYF, and SYF during the pandemic. They will meet again on Wednesday, August 19 to review the survey results and proceed with plans for the fall.

Building Committee: Work continues on the balcony railing. Windstream came to restore phone service and found wet wires in the elevator control room. They also discovered wet internet wiring on the north side of church. We had experienced a heavy rainfall prior to this.

Central Treasurer's report: The reports were distributed and it was noted that offerings had been good. There is an account holding the proceeds from a check Mike received from Dan Dell of Beatrice Mennonite Church. This was the disbursement of funds from the Men's Brotherhood account (\$3,590.26) as they haven't met in a number of years. It was decided that this should be left in the separate account as the group may reorganize. Mike also reported he has had no requests for money to be returned to donors to the Pastor's Housing Fund. An announcement has been in the bulletin for the month of July stating that donors have until the end of July to request a return of their donation. After that, the money currently in the fund will remain in the fund to be available for use by a future pastor. **Lori Thimm moved to approve the financial report as presented; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed on voice vote.

INTERIM PASTOR :

A Memo of Understanding and Reimbursement of Expenses has been sent to Roger Neufeld-Smith. He will receive \$4200 per month plus expenses for mileage, conference and professional expense.

The schedule of guest speakers for worship was reviewed and is as follows:

July 5, Doug & Raylene Hinz-Penner;

July 12, Homestead Harmonizers;

July 19, Sharon Schuster, Chaplain at BCHHC & Hospice Chaplain;

July 26, Olivia Bartel, Director of Camp Mennoscah;

August 9, Sharon Schuster, Chaplain at BCHHC & Hospice Chaplain;

August 16, Jerry Reimer

Interim Pastor Roger Neufeld-Smith will begin on August 23.

The Church Board will meet on August 13 at 5 p.m. to ready the apartment for Pastor Neufeld-Smith. Thank you to Tracy Crawford for providing the apartment free of charge.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer and extinguishing of the lamp, signifying that God does not remain in this place but goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m. at First Mennonite Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant