

## **Church Board meeting, July 21, 2022, 7 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dorothy Zimmerman. The lamp was lit symbolizing Christ's presence over the meeting. Present were Dorothy Zimmerman, Vern Jantzen, Jim and Vicki Ensz, Barb Thimm, Mike Goossen, Jane Esau and Administrative Asst Vicki Frerking. Don Esau, Don Jantzen, and Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith were absent. Vicki Hinz-Ensz led devotions.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes from the **Special Congregational Meeting** to extend an invitation to Josh Janzen to be pastor were distributed. ■ Vern Jantzen moved to approve those minutes and the June Church Board meeting minutes; seconded by Mike Goossen. Motion passed.

The progress of the **new website** being developed by SOCS was discussed. Dan Kunzman has consulted with several board members and Vicki Frerking on the mostly complete website but a few questions remain.

1. Should the church directory be accessible on the website? It was decided that the directory should not be available on the website unless it is secured by a login is provided to members who request it.
2. Should the church cemetery policy and map with listings be on the website? The board decided that the cemetery policies will be on the website but the map and listings will not as these are available online at "Find a Grave". A notation of that will be on the Cemetery website page.
3. There is some concern regarding confidentiality of submitted VBS forms and Safe Sanctuary Forms and the additional cost of securing storage on the website for those forms. Vicki Hinz-Ensz and Vicki Frerking will research options for storage of these forms online.
4. A donation button is being developed with Mike's input. ■ Vern Jantzen moved to accept Payment Spring as our credit card processing service; seconded by Mike Goossen. Motion passed. It was noted that parishioners will be encouraged to use auto pay from their bank as opposed to the donate button as the church incurs charges when credit card payments are used.

### **Technology Procedures:**

1. Live streaming, audio, and power point volunteers will be scheduled for one month at a time. Those scheduled are responsible for finding a replacement from their co-volunteers when they cannot be here for their assignment.
2. Pam Kunzman is exploring an app that will allow the live streaming to come from the computer screen only rather than from the camera.

Plans for **Roger's Farewell**: Jane Esau and Barb Thimm are working on this. A potluck will be held following worship followed by a casual program. Associate Conference Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn will not be in attendance as she will be here for the installation of Pastor Josh Janzen on September 11.

There was some discussion about the need for **absentee ballots** for church votes. This would require a change to the Bylaws as it's not currently referenced. The Board decided that absentee ballots would not be addressed at this time as none of the votes taken in recent years would have been changed by additional votes from those who were absent.

**Exit Agreement for Pastor Roger**: Exit Agreements are not required for Interim Ministers but Dorothy will ask Pastor Roger if he would like one.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Schedule of Speakers:**

1. July 24: Recorded message from Heide Regier Kreider, WDC Minister
2. July 31: Joe Miller and Maynard Knepp of MCC will present the sermon, Children's Story, and Adult Sunday School.
3. August 28: Pastor Sarah Schlegel, Salem Mennonite Church, Shickley, NE

**COVID Update:** Gage County incidents are low, 51 cases per 100,000 people. Hospital Admissions in Gage County have averaged two per week. No change will be made in COVID safety measures for worship.

**Pastoral Candidate Josh Janzen** has closed on a home in Beatrice and a **Covenant of Understanding** will be brought to the Church Board for approval at the August meeting. He will be consulted as to what type of computer/technology he would like for his office. **Nametags** will again be used while he and Stephanie are getting acquainted with the congregation.

**WDC Delegate:** Dorothy Zimmerman will be FMC's delegate as an online attendee.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** None in Roger's absence.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mission, Peace, & Service Council:** Jim Ensz reported there have many generous donations for the local immigrant sponsorships.

**Worship Council:** Jane reported they are working on Roger's farewell and Josh's installation service on Sept 11.

**Education Council:** Barb report the Council met tonight. Intergenerational Sunday School will hold their last session on July 24. Maynard Knepp will host Sunday School on July 31. Children and Youth Sunday School will begin on August 14.

**Building Council:** In Don's absence it was reported that the exterior work on the church has begun. The moats around the cemetery trees will be removed so they can be mowed around. Drip tapes will be used for watering them.

**Central Treasurer:** Mike Goossen presented the reports. Vicki Ensz moved to approve the reports; Jane Esau seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Other Agenda Items:**

There are **surplus items** (electronics, credenza's, old hymnals, etc) in the SE corner of the fellowship hall. The congregation is encouraged to take any of those items before they are disposed of on July 24.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:45 p.m. 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 Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Mike Goossen will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant