

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – June 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The lamp was lit, signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. Lisa Goossen led the group in prayer. Present were Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Jantzen, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Lisa Goossen, Larry Thimm, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Ross Reimer, Merlin Friesen, and Rita Friesen were absent.

### **Old Business:**

The May minutes were approved as presented.

The church board retreat has been set for January 12-13, 2018 at The Benedict Center at Schuyler.

The Homestead National Monument will use the church parking lot on Monday, August 21 for parking buses from visiting school groups. Our parking lot will be the third option for overflow parking on Saturday and Sunday of Eclipse weekend August 19 and 20, but it is not reserved solely for their use.

A new church brochure will be printed that will better explain the history of First Mennonite and the Mennonites leaving Prussia to settle here.

No one has indicated an intention to be a church delegate to either MCUSA convention or WDC Annual Assembly.

### **New Business:**

There was some discussion on how well the church is doing on implementing part of the church mission statement: "Nurturing and supporting all ages in their faith journey". It was suggested that more Bible literacy could be taught during the Sunday School hour.

It was also suggested that more information be passed along to the congregation regarding current projects and efforts throughout the greater Mennonite Church organizations, such as MCC, WDC, MDS, MCUSA, and efforts in Washington, D. C. Suggestions included committee members from Mission, Peace and Service, Education Council, and other individuals provide summary statements to put in the bulletin quarterly as well as have individuals share during worship about various initiatives and/or ways to live out our faith in our daily encounters.

### **Committee reports:**

**Missions, Peace, and Service:** The church picnic will be held July 16 at 5 p.m. at Riverside Park.

**Worship Committee:** No report.

**Education Council:** All Junior Sunday School will meet jointly outside for the summer. Adult Sunday School is studying the Wired Word, led by Vern Jantzen. JYF and SYF are looking for leaders and sponsors. Peace Club will be taught by Judy Jantzen and Kathy Casey. VBS went well.

**Pastor's Report:** It is difficult to connect to the internet from the laptop computer in the front of church. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will check into replacing that one and possibly the office computer. Technology is budgeted for annually and no upgrades have been made in recent years.

**Building Committee:** The newly repaired church windows were installed today and more were taken out to be repaired by Architectural GlassArts of Lincoln.

The building committee is checking into a possible water leak or a faulty meter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports were presented in Ross's absence. May had an ending balance of \$3,484.27.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be July 20 at 7:00 p.m with Ross leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.