

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – June 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz. The lamp was lit by Chair Vicki signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Fast, Jerry Reimer, Lisa Goossen, Lori Thimm, Vern Jantzen, Ross Reimer, Kathy Casey, and Dorothy Zimmerman; and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Pastor Klingenberg was absent. Kathy Casey led devotions.

Old Business:

The May meeting minutes stand approved as presented.

New Business:

1. **Guest Registry:** Discussion was held on the current guest registration procedure and other possibilities for registering guests. It's felt that it can become very crowded at the current register stands. It was also noted that the guest follow up visits are not being done. Lori suggested a card registration system for guests to either give to a host or put in the collection plate. These cards could be in the pews, handed out by the greeters or hospitality couple. The board will seek input from the hospitality committee and possible designs will be presented at the next meeting. A visitor letter will also be reviewed.
2. Vern Jantzen reported that Everence has information on the **significance of having a will** and keeping it updated. This info will be distributed in the mail boxes.
3. Vern Jantzen also reported that the **Everence Credit Union** offers a reward credit card that gives 1 ½% to the charity of your choice. ▲ Lisa Goossen moved to pursue opening a church account with the Everence Credit Union and obtain a church credit card to use in place of the current Pinnacle debit cards; seconded by Kathy Casey. Motion passed unanimously. Vicki Hinz-Ensz and Ross will process the applications.

Committee Reports:

Mission, Peace, and Service: Dorothy has interviewed WMS and MDS, highlighting what these organizations do. She will continue interviews during worship monthly.

Worship Council:

1. Pastor Brett is doing a series of 4 sermons throughout the summer on the Plants of the Bible.
2. The Homestead Harmonizers will be here Sunday, June 24 with a potluck to follow.

Education Council: They will meet in July to work on Safe Sanctuary before the fall education programs begin.

Pastor's Report:

1. We had a deacons meeting on June 6
2. I will be out of the office June 28-July 8 for our trip to Poland. I will lead a communion service at the Heubuden cemetery and also a time of singing at the former Danzig Mennonite Church.
3. Tim Amor is preaching July 1, and Gail Cross on July 8
4. I'll be attending WDC annual assembly July 27-28
5. Our Fall Mission Sunday will be November 11 featuring Wayne Stucky who is with MDS.

Building Committee:

1. The vacuum cleaner needs replaced. Vern checked prices at the Sweeper Store. Ross said he and Alma have one to donate. The board suggested Vern get ride of the old ones, buy a new one, and also use the donated one. One could be used upstairs and one downstairs.
2. There are dead trees to remove.
3. The nursery ceiling leak will be repaired. It received water damage when the condensation line from the air conditioner upstairs was plugged. The line has been repaired.

Central Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were distributed and reviewed with the usual expenditures. FMC received a deposit from Men's Brotherhood Treasurer for \$3,590.26. This deposit will be kept in a specified Men's Brotherhood account. Discussion followed on Men's Brotherhood reorganization as discussed in the January 2018 meeting.

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 July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Ross Reimer will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.