

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – March 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7 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 Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Lori Thimm, Brad Thimm, Dorothy Zimmerman, Marci Regier, Lisa Goossen, Jerry Reimer, and Brad Thimm. Ross Reimer and Adm. Asst Vicki Frerking were absent. Vern Jantzen led devotions on the Lenten practice of standing down (Joel 2).

### **Old Business:**

1. The **February minutes** stand approved as read.
2. Brett Esau and Pam Kunzman, along with Vern Jantzen, are willing to attend the first informational meeting with Everence to discuss establishing **an Endowment Fund**.
3. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will take the **outdated electronic equipment** to American Recycling for a small fee.

### **New Business:**

1. **WDC Annual Assembly** will be July 26-27. Delegates from FMC will be sought.
2. **MCUSA's national convention**, MennoCon 2019, will be in Kansas City July 2-6. Registration is \$350.00 per person. Delegates will be sought for this also. FMC will pay their registration fee.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Missions, Peace, and Services:** A report will be given on March 24 at the end of worship on the MDS project in La Grange, Texas that men from the congregation helped with. The Adult Sunday School is studying the book "Fully Engaged" and discussing how to be Missional. Dorothy will follow up on mission opportunities and how to get involved.

**Worship Council:** No report.

**Education Council:** VBS is being planned for May 28 through May 31 and will be held at First Mennonite in partnership with Beatrice Mennonite. The theme is "Who's my Neighbor?".

**Pastor's Report:** Navy Jo Esau will be dedicated on March 31. He will attend the Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah April 5-7.

### **Building Committee:**

1. Jim Ensz will bring a couple loads of **gravel** for the parking lot.
2. Brad is checking prices for **six trees** for the east side of the cemetery.
3. Plexiglass will be put on the **balcony railing** for safety of children.
4. Brad is checking who to call for repair of a **leak in the steeple**.

**Central Treasurer:** Financial reports were distributed.

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 April 11 at 7 p.m. Jerry Reimer will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant from notes taken by Lisa Goossen, Board Secretary