

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – May 18, 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. Deacon Vern Jantzen let the group in devotions on Psalm 40:1-2. Present were Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Jantzen, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Ross Reimer, Merlin Friesen, Rita Friesen, Lisa Goossen and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Larry Thimm was absent.

Old Business:

The April minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

Two tentative dates were selected for a church board retreat next January: January 12-13 and January 19-20. Pastor Brett will check on the availability of these dates with the Monastery at Schuyler.

The Homestead National Monument will be using our church parking lot for overflow parking Saturday – Monday, August 19-21, with the exception of Sunday morning, during the Eclipse activities. The board discussed possibilities of displaying historical, theology, and current activities information for interested parties parking at the church or driving by. Many ideas were discussed and will be addressed at the June meeting. Pastor Brett has been asked to give a presentation to the Homestead staff and summer interns on May 30, providing them with present and historical information on the church because the Homestead staff receives many questions regarding the church.

The board instructed Vicki Frerking to check with Diode on increasing the speed of the church's internet.

Committee Reports:

Missions, Peace and Service Committee: The church picnic will be July 16 at 6 p.m. Committee Chair Merlin Friesen asked the board for picnic activity suggestions.

Worship Committee: The MCUSA new hymnal survey has been completed by Pastor Brett, Worship Chair Rita Friesen, and Erin VanderSchaaf. There has been good congregational response to assist with Children's Story. Anyone with suggestions for special music is asked to contact Kathy Casey.

Education Council: VBS will begin May 30. Evening activities have been planned. There will not be a breakfast on June 4 prior to worship and the VBS program.

Pastor's Report: He is beginning a Men's Breakfast Bible Study Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. June 15 through July 20 studying the book of Daniel. He will give a presentation to Homestead staff on May 30 regarding the history of FMC.

Building Committee:

1. The grounded additional outlets have been installed in Pastor Brett's office.
2. The wiring to the women's bathroom for an instant hot water heater is installed. The water heater is ordered and will be installed when it comes.
3. The flood lights on the south side of the church are fixed. Ants had built a nest in the electrical contactor.
4. The plaster repair work in the kitchen is nearly finished. It will then be painted.
5. The board wishes to thank Larry Thimm and the building committee for all the work they've done.

Central Treasurer's Report: Ross reported the month of April ended with a balance of \$3983.21.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The candle was extinguished, signifying God does not remain here only, but goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant