

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Fast, Jerry Reimer, Lisa Goossen, Lori Thimm, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Vern Jantzen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Kathy Casey, Ross Reimer, and Dorothy Zimmerman were absent. Lisa Goossen led devotions.

Old Business:

1. The **April meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. The **Hospitality/Host** couple on duty each Sunday will make sure the lights are off and doors lock after services.
3. The **Habitat for Humanity offering** from December 9, 2017 has been sent to the local Habitat organization.
4. The **Year of Evangelism** Missional Breakfast and future Year of Evangelism plans were discussed. The next event will be a presentation by the Stutzman family, our Germany mission partners, when they visit us on August 19.

New Business:

1. **2019 Church Board retreat dates** were discussed and will be determined at a later date.
2. **The Creation Care statement** adopted by MCUSA convention delegates in 2013 was discussed: Be it resolved that members of Mennonite Church USA commit to growing in their dedication to care for God's creation as an essential part of the good news of Jesus Christ. More information and congregational resources may be found at <https://www.mennocreationcare.org/>.
3. **Western District Conference Annual Assembly Delegates** will be sought from the congregation for the July 27-29 Assembly in central Kansas.

Committee Reports:

Mission, Peace and Service: No report.

Worship Council: Homestead Harmonizers will not be here on June 10 but are tentatively scheduled for June 24 with a pot luck meal that day.

Education Council: Vacation Bible School will soon be held May 29-June 1.

Pastor's Report: The Mennonite Pastor Cluster meeting was held in Beatrice today. He will be Camp Pastor at Camp Mennoscah June 18-22. He and Cassie will be gone on the Poland Tour June 28 –July 7.

Building Committee: No report.

Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were distributed and reviewed with the usual expenditures.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The lamp as extinguished, symbolizing that God remains not only in this place, but goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be June 21 at 7:00 p.m. with Kathy Casey leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.