

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – May 16, 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, Marci Regier, Brad Thimm, Lisa Goossen, Ross Reimer, Dorothy Zimmerman and Adm. Asst Vicki Frerking. Vern Jantzen and Jerry Reimer were absent. Devotions were led by Marci Regier.

Old Business:

1. The April minutes stand approved as read.
2. Vern Jantzen, Pam Kunzman and Brett Esau will meet in the near future with Everest regarding possibly establishing an Endowment Fund.

New Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Missions, Peace, and Service: The April 28 mission breakfast had a good turn out and good discussions on local volunteer opportunities. An expanded list is being prepared for distribution including what is needed by each organization.

Worship Committee: The Maundy Thursday service and soup supper had approximately 40 in attendance and was meaningful for those there. A new hymnal will be coming out in 2020 so they are gathering information on that.

Education Council: Summer Sunday School will be led by the Adult Sunday School and feature intergenerational lessons and activities.

Pastors Report:

1. He will be on **vacation** May 23 – 25 and June 18 – July 1. Pastor Cross will preach on June 23 and there will be a Hymn Sing on June 30.
2. He would like a **mailbox** for Jason and Libby DeSottel.
3. **The Loss of Turtle Island** Study Series has been rescheduled for August 18.
4. He wonders about **displaying art** at church this summer that is made by congregation members. The board thought this would be good so Pastor will pursue it.

Building Committee:

1. Skyline of Lincoln will be here next week **to repair the steeple** and roof above the entry ways.
2. Dick Penner will donate **Red Oaks** for the east edge of the cemetery but the trees are best moved/planted in spring so this will be on hold until next March. The church will pay for moving the trees.
3. **The bulletin board** in the basement has been removed. The mold behind it will be treated and repainted.
4. A **vent** was installed in Room 10.

Treasurer's Report: The April income exceeded the expenses. The money for Nebraska MCC has been directed to them. There were no unusual expenses for the month.

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 June 20 at 7 p.m. with Lori Thimm leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant