

Church Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2020

The Church Board met via Zoom. Chair Dorothy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The lamp was lit signifying God's presence over the meeting. Present via Zoom were Chair Zimmerman, Erin Vanderschaaf, Vern Jantzen, Jerry Reimer, Mike Goossen, Barb Thimm, Roger N Smith, Lori Thimm, Bryan Heinz, Jim Ensz, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Jim Ensz led the group in devotions on 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, "Thankfulness in our Messiness".

OLD BUSINESS

1. **The October minutes** stand approved as distributed.
2. **Technology report:** The FM Transmitter is installed and working in the parking lot. Thank you to all who worked on that. The face book live video quality is good, but the audio is very poor quality. A Technology Research Committee will be set up to research how to improve the sound quality and the possibility of live streaming services. Dorothy will contact people about serving on this committee.
3. **Nominating Committee:** Lisa Goossen and John Thimm Jr. have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for a three year term beginning January 1, 2021.
4. **Mosaic is not cleaning** the church during this elevated COVID time. Dorothy has set up a schedule for weekly cleaning with some of the church board members. Cleaning consists of the bathrooms, emptying trash and wiping down doors and windows. When church isn't held in person, cleaning won't be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update on Corona Virus activity** in Gage, Jefferson and Saline Co. and among FMC church members: Dorothy said the risk dial has now moved from orange to red, the highest level of concern for public health safety. Testing now shows a 30-40% positivity rate with 395 positive cases in the last 14 days. Due to this increased risk, discussion was held on how to proceed with church services. It was determined that a skeleton crew of Pastor, worship leader, pianist, audio and video operators, and a couple singers will conduct the services inside the church. This will be available on face book live and also on the FM 98.7 radio station in the parking lot. This will be reevaluated at the next church board meeting on December 17.
2. **Notice of Deacon Election** will be put in the bulletin. Of note, Jerry Reimer is finishing his last year of a second term so will not be available for re-election. Congregation members should first speak to their nominee to see if they are willing to serve, and then talk with Chair Zimmerman.
3. **Administrative Assistant Annual Review** was tabled until the December meeting.
4. **Annual Meeting Agenda items:**
 - a. Chair Dorothy had hoped to address updates needed in the Constitution and By Laws at the 2021 Annual Meeting but with COVID activity and changes in meeting, etc, she will try to have this ready for the 2022 Annual Meeting.
 - b. The Adult & Children's Resource Directors were trial positions for the past year. Barb Thimm will submit a Constitution/By Law change from the Education Council to address changing these to permanent positions at the Annual Meeting.
 - c. Technology Updates will be addressed at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. Vern Jantzen will give an Everence update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mission, Peace & Service Council: Jim Ensz and Vern Jantzen participated in Meat Canning in Newton. Jim felt there was a good turnout but production was down. He will give a report on this in church in the future.

Worship Council: They will help as needed with Advent services.

Education Council: The Christmas Program scheduled for December 13 has been postponed due to COVID. They will reschedule at a later date.

Building Committee: They are checking in lighting updates inside and outside the church. They will also check on the condensation issue from the HVAC in the attic.

Pastor's Report: He will check with Pastor Tim for help with doing face book live presentations as Pastor Brett did in March. The new Hymnals are delayed because the print shop closed due to COVID. He is contacting the shut-in and senior members of the congregation along with the Deacons.

Treasurer's Report: The offerings for the month of October were \$6800 short of the expenses, partly due to the yearly insurance premium being paid in October. The budget will be reviewed and discussed at the December meeting. **Jim Ensz moved** to approve the treasurer's report; Erin Vanderschaaf seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer and extinguishing of the lamp. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant