

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – November 15, 2018**

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 Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vern Jantzen, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Jerry Reimer, Vern Fast, Lisa Goossen, Ross Reimer, Kathy Casey, Dorothy Zimmerman, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Lori Thimm was absent. Dorothy Zimmerman led the devotions.

### **Old Business:**

1. The October meeting minutes stand approved as presented.
2. Vicki Hinz-Ensz reported that Katie Jantzen will fill Rita Friesen's remaining years serving on the Nominating Committee and Kathy Casey and Van VanderSchaaf have agreed to be on the nominating committee for the next three years.
3. Offering Schedule: ▲ Jerry Reimer moved to change the recipient of the December 9, 2018 offering from Habitat for Humanity to the Salvation Army; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed. ▲ Lisa Goossen moved that next year's two offerings usually for Habitat for Humanity be designated for Mother to Mother Ministries on April 14 and the Community Food Pantry on December 8, 2019; seconded by Kathy Casey. Motion passed.
4. Church Board Retreat: A 2019 retreat is not scheduled at this time.

### **New Business:**

1. Administrative Assistant Evaluation/Salary: It was decided to give the Administrative Assistant a 3% raise for the 2019 church year.
2. Budget Review: The budget was reviewed and adjusted. The \$4000 gift received from the Jacob Friesen family will be put in a designated account for Pastoral Care. The Business Council will meet November 29 and establish a budget for the Church Board to review at their December meeting.
3. The Young Married Group of Adults has requested financial assistance from the church to hold a Marriage Workshop next year with an approximate cost of \$2,750 for the speaker and her transportation. Each couple will additionally pay \$250 for the weekend workshop. ▲ Lisa Goossen moved to change the line budget item "Church Resources" to "Spiritual Growth and Renewal" and fund it with \$3000 for 2019; seconded by Jerry Reimer. Motion passed.

4. It was noted that the Safe Sanctuary speaker, Kathy Neufeld Dunn of WDC, was not reimbursed for mileage or given a guest speaker stipend. Ross and Lisa will follow up on this.
5. Annual Meeting Agenda items will be asked for in the next several bulletins.
6. Vicki Hinz-Ensz noted that Pastor Brett is eligible for a Sabbatical in 2019 but Pastor does not think it is necessary at this time.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Missions, Peace and Service Committee:** Will have a mission moment on Warren's Table in January.

**Worship Committee:** They met last week and are planning the Advent services. There will be church services on December 23, 24, 30 and 31.

**Education Council:** The Christmas program will be December 16. Amanda Thimm is in charge.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- He attended Sexual Misconduct Training in Newton last month. It's required every three years.
- Syf will hold a fundraiser breakfast on January 13.
- Everence offers \$350 grant to use for a Child Abuse prevention program.
- He got the needed equipment to record events downstairs at a cost of \$92.
- He sent a thank you to Jake Friesen for his gift of \$4000 for pastoral care.

**Building Committee:** They are making minor repairs; Architectural Glass has finished up a few areas that needed caulking the instant hot water heater under the kitchen sink needs repair.

**Central Treasurer:** Architectural Glass has been paid with money from the Mennonite Foundation. The Business Council will meet and a budget will be presented at the December meeting.

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 December 20 at 7 p.m. with Lori Thimm leading devotions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.