

## First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – October 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vicki Ensz. The lamp was lit by Pastor Brett, signifying God's presence and guidance over the meeting. Vicki Ensz led the group in prayer. Present were Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Ross Reimer, Rita Friesen, Vern Jantzen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Lisa Goossen, Merlin Friesen and Larry Thimm were absent.

### Old Business:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.
2. Chair Ensz reported she had secured Marci Regier as the speaker for All Saints Day Nov 5.

### New Business:

1. **Technology:** The desktop and laptop computers are working but the projectors (analog) don't have the same resolution settings as the new laptop (digital) for power point use. ▲Rita moved to purchase two new projectors (at an approximate cost of \$800) and any needed equipment for them to work with the new laptop. Seconded by Ross Reimer. Motion passed on voice vote. One of the old projectors will be used with the old laptop in the basement for power point presentations.
2. **Pastor's Continuing Education Budget** will be adjusted on the 2018 budget to cover his expenses for the Poland History Tour with Mark Jantzen. Pastor had inquired if any of his unused budgeted money from 2017 could carry over to 2018 but the board consensus was to adjust the 2018 budget.
3. **Nominating Committee Appointees:** Rita Friesen has consented to serve on the Nominating Committee (3 year commitment) and Vicki Hinz-Ensz will secure the second appointee.
4. **Honorarium for Fall Mission Speaker:** The honorarium for Lyle Miller, our November 12 fall mission speaker, was set at \$200 total, as he is presenting during Sunday School and worship. His travel expenses will be determined at a later date and paid at a reduced rate as he is doing other presentations in the area. His travel expenses will be paid to Everence.
5. **Request for 2018 Committee Budgets:** Budget requests are due in the next few weeks from Worship Council, Education Council, and Building Committee. The Church Board will address their portion of the budget at the November meeting.
6. **2018 Annual Meeting** date was set for Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
7. **2018 Cottage Prayer meetings** will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018.
8. **The 2018 Offering Schedule** was presented, following the same schedule as 2017. ▲ Jerry Reimer moved to adopt the 2018 offering schedule as presented; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed on voice vote.

### Committee Reports:

**Missions, Peace & Service Council:** No report.

### Worship Council:

- The new hymnal will be available in 2019. A "Great Day of Singing" will be held January 21 to preview the new hymnal.
- The Council will meet October 25.
- They have received some comments on the use of pre-printed front cover bulletins with most people not in favor of continuing to use them. If anyone has comments, please direct them to Rita Friesen.

**Education Council:** No report.

### Pastor's Report:

- He will be out of town on November 3-5. Pastor Tim will preach in his absence.
- He will be out of town to attend a wedding Dec 15-18. It was determined that the Children's Christmas program could be held on December 17 so no one will need to preach in his absence.
- He has been invited to speak at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia January 15-17, 2018. His expenses will be paid by EMU. He will return in time to attend the Church Board Retreat January 19 - 20 at the WDC "Year of Evangelism" Conference in Goessel, Kansas.
- KOLN/KGIN Our Town crew will be here October 24 at 11:00 to film the commercial as reported in the September minutes.

**Building Committee:** No report but Larry will be notified that the front door lock is getting more difficult to use.

**Central Treasurer:** Reports were presented with no expenses out of the ordinary.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Merlin Friesen will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.