

## First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – Octobers 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dorothy Zimmerman. The candle was lit, representing God's presence over the meeting. Present were Dorothy Zimmerman, Vern Jantzen, Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith, Barb Thimm, Marv Goossen, Mike Goossen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Don Esau, Jim Ensz, and Lori Thimm were absent. Devotions were led by Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith on Psalm 46:10.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Marv Goossen moved to **approve the minutes** from the September Board meeting and from the Special Congregational meeting held September 29 approving Phase 1 work on the Technology upgrades; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed on voice vote.
2. Chair Zimmerman gave an **update on the progress of the Technology upgrades**. Contracts with Diode and Midwest Sound and Lighting have been signed and deposits have been paid. The two companies are working with Pam Kunzman to schedule the work.
3. Chair Zimmerman reported that John Penner will be **the All Saints Day speaker**.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Covid Update:** Because the number of cases is trending downward and the risk dial remains in yellow, and the majority of the congregation has been vaccinated, the Covid 19 protocol in church will remain the same.
2. **Handbook Updates:** Kathy Casey is in the process of gathering updates for the Handbook so the Nominating Committee can use them as they prepare an election slate for the Annual Meeting.
3. **The 2022 Offering Schedule** was reviewed and updated. Adult & Team Challenge was added. The offering to them will be on February 27. The January 30 offering will be for AMBS as Dave Boshart from AMBS will be here as our guest speaker. This will be published in the 2022 Directory.
4. **The Annual Meeting** will be held on January 12, 2022 and **Cottage Prayer Groups** will meet January 9. Pastor Roger will provide Shepherds with the topic.
5. **Annual Study Series:** Pastor Roger welcomes any congregational input on possible speakers for February or March.
6. **The schedule of speakers** for Sunday's Roger will be gone is as follows:
  - a) November 21, Nate Stucky, Farminary Project Director at Princeton Theological Seminary
  - b) December 26, Songs and Scripture, "Lessons in Carols"
  - c) January 30, David Boshart, President of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
7. **Nominating Committee Appointee** suggestions were given by the board to Chair Zimmerman who will contact them. Two appointees are needed to serve for three years.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

1. He is working on a **Cottage Prayer meeting topic**
2. He reviewed with the Board **his 2022 schedule**. Two church board meetings will be rescheduled to allow him to attend.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Mission, Peace and Service Council:** Three couples, Jim & Vicki Ensz, Marv & Lisa Goossen, and LeRoy & Doreen Janzen, will be attending a three day MDS training in November.

**Worship Council:** They met this evening and will meet again on December 16. They are planning the December 26 worship service in Roger's absence. A service of "Lessons in Carols" will be held. They encourage any out of town family or guests visiting in December who would like to provide special music to contact them.

**Education Council:** They met last week. The Christmas program is picked out. Peace Club has their final meeting on October 27.

**Building Committee:** Marv has received a bid on repair and painting of the

interior of the sanctuary and west stairway. He will continue to gather bids and possibly present this at the Annual Meeting.

**Central Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mike Goossen presented the financial reports. He is requesting 2022 Budget requests from the Worship Council, Education Council and Building Committee.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Search Committee continues their work. They have no candidates at this time.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, the lamp was extinguished signifying God does not remain in this building only but goes with us into the world. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant