

First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – September 21, 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. Pastor Brett led devotions and prayer. Present were Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jerry Reimer, Lori Thimm, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Ross Reimer, Rita Friesen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Lisa Goossen, Merlin Friesen, Vern Jantzen, and Larry Thimm were absent.

Old Business:

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

All Saints Day (November 5) Speaker: Vicki Hinz-Ensz will secure a speaker from the suggestions given by the board.

An anonymous donor has offered to pay for the production of a **30 second commercial** featuring First Mennonite by KOLN/KGIN TV. It will be aired on their channel the third week of December when they feature "Our Town Beatrice".

WDC is holding a conference January 19 and 20 to kick off the "**Year of Evangelism**" for the conference churches. This will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church at Goessel, KS. The conference will give church delegations a change to brainstorm ideas with other church delegations and a coach provided by WDC. The consensus of the board in attendance tonight is to go have this conference serve as the Church Board Retreat rather than going to Schuyler on Jan 12 and 13. Pastor Brett will check with those board members not in attendance tonight, cancel the Schuyler reservations, and make arrangements with WDC for attendance of "Year of Evangelism" Conference.

Committee Reports:

Missions, Peace and Service Council: No report.

Worship Council: No report.

Education Council: No report.

Pastor's Report: He is serving on the Tri County Teammates Board and will be a mentor there.

Building Committee: In Larry's absence, the **organ repair and electric upgrade** needed to support the heater for the bellows was discussed. Steve Kehm of Lincoln said the organ needs a new rectifier. The one he recommended is around \$200. With his installation it would be about \$450-500. He also said we need to address some electrical issues in the upper area where we have a space heater plugged into an extension cord. He suggests having an electrician put in two direct wired 120 volt lines up there, one for the heater and one for the rectifier. The rubber is coming off the cords and is not safe. Mr. Kehm said he would need a week to 10 days to get the part and schedule the work after the electrical upgrades are in. An email was sent out to the Church Board following the August meeting with this information with seven members responding that the work should be scheduled. Vicki will talk with Larry about scheduling the work.

Central Treasurer: The **tuition funds** have been received and Hesston has been paid for the first semester for Emily Funk. Second semester tuition funds will need to be collected soon. He has no receipts yet for **repayment on the outstanding tuition loans** to FMC students who have graduated from college. He has received a bill from **Life Touch**, the company printing the new photo directory, for \$145. This is for 12 submitted photos not photographed by Life Touch, and a \$25 fee for adding cell numbers and email addresses to the member listings in the back of the directory. The board consensus was to pay this out of the general fund.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Larry Thimm will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.