

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – September 19, 2019**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The August meeting minutes stand approved as presented.
2. There has been no interest shown in presenting a live nativity at the Holiday Lighted Parade. The chamber has been notified.
3. The visitor registration sheets and process instituted last fall was discussed and it seems to be working well. Hosts, greeters and ushers will be reminded that visitor sheets should be given to all visitors.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. All Saints Day speaker will be Pastor Brett.
2. In follow up of Pastor Brett's announcement last Sunday that he will be leaving at the end of May 2020, Vicki Ensz reported that she had talked with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Pastor about the process of searching for a new pastor. She will be asked to attend the October meeting of the church board to review this process.
3. Vern Jantzen offered a suggestion of getting to know new member families by putting their photos on the bulletin board. An extension of this would be to highlight several families each month with photos and a brief bio so new members and a future new pastor could get to know the congregation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Missions, Peace, and Service:** The picnic was well attended with around 75. Everyone seems to be in favor of holding it in September rather than August.

### **Worship Committee:**

1. Pastor Brett and Pastor Tim will begin a sermon series in late October on "Women of the Bible".
2. Pastor Brett and Cassie will do a spirit talk on All Saints Day.
3. SYF provided child care during the Loss of Turtle Island presentation. They will be compensated out of worship council budget.
4. The Art Show held during August went very well.

### **Education Council:**

1. Safe Sanctuary was held September 8 and was well attended. If anyone missed it and needs to complete it, they should talk with Amanda Thimm.
2. Sunday School has begun. Teachers for the winter and spring sessions are still being sought.
3. There is only one student in JYF and she is willing to participate in Peace Club this year so for now there is no JYF.

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

1. He has begun the Catechism class with intent to hold Baptism on Easter 2020.
2. He is doing marriage counseling for Austin Goossen and his fiancé.
3. The Bethel Choir is making a Nebraska tour next spring. They plan to do a concert on Saturday, March 28. On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the choir would split to smaller groups to participate in worship of several area Mennonite churches, including First Mennonite. Details are still pending.
4. Pastor Tim has contacted Natalie Frisk, Youth Curriculum Pastor at The Meeting House, Oakville, Ontario as a possible speaker for the joint BMC/FMC Annual Study Series in 2020. The 2020 series will be primarily held at BMC.

### **Building Committee:**

1. The steeple and roof have been repaired. The bill has not been received.
2. The outside window of the front door broke last week from no apparent cause. Hamm Glass removed the glass and has ordered a new glass to be installed.
3. Brad has hauled some rock in to fill in the low spots of the parking lot.

4. The carpet on the east ramp has been reglued several times and may need to be replaced.
5. He presented several options he is looking at to making the balcony railing safer. He will offer more options at the next board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The month of August had \$1007 more in expenses than revenue with no out of the ordinary expenditures.

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 October 17 at 7 p.m. with Pastor Brett leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking