

## **First Mennonite Church Board Minutes – September 20, 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, Ross Reimer, Kathy Casey, Pastor Brett Klingenberg, Dorothy Zimmerman, Lori Thimm, Vern Fast, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Jerry Reimer and Lisa Goossen were absent. Vern Fast led the devotions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**The August meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.

**The Church picnic** was well attended with about 75 in attendance. It was felt that September and Chautauqua Park Tabernacle were a good time and place but that it begin by at least 5:30 next year as school has started by then.

**Visitor Registration Sheets:** If a visitor turns in a visitor sheet, the church secretary will notify Vicki Hinz-Ensz who will follow up with the visitor or contact someone who is a neighbor to them. No visitor letters will be sent at this time.

**Immigration Missional Breakfast:** Raylene Hinz-Penner will give a presentation on her trip to the Mexico border during a Missional Breakfast on Oct 14.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**All Saints Day:** Vicki Hinz-Ensz was given suggestions of who to contact to give the tribute on All Saints Day, November 4.

**Recording Options in the Basement:** Pastor Brett will talk with Pastor Tim Amor to see how recordings of events held in the basement could be recorded and possibly put on You Tube.

**New Attendees:** Lori Thimm will talk with Tammy Wakem to see if she would like a mailbox and be included in a Shepherd group. Vicki Hinz-Ensz will talk with Ruth Shepherd regarding a mailbox and Shepherd Group inclusion.

**Everence Presentation:** Lyle Miller of Everence spoke with Pastor Brett about holding a workshop on "Creating a Culture of Generosity in Congregations". He needed a commitment of a minimum of four members from four churches in attendance. The Board feels that FMC's participation is not needed at this time as it has a culture of generous giving.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Missions, Peace, and Service Committee:** She continues reporting monthly on church mission organizations.

**Worship Council:** Youth Sunday School singing on Grandparents Day was a success. The "Detectives of Divinity" plays used in Peace Club will be used during Children's Story sometime.

**Education Council:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** A video sermon will be shown on September 30 when he is gone. He will be out of the office September 27-30. He has become a member of the Western District Conference Historical Committee.

**Building Committee:** The front door has a problem closing completely at times. They'll check on it.

**Central Treasurer:** The month showed a deficit of about \$1,700 in expenses vs. income. The Everence Credit Cards are in use by Treasurer Ross, Pastor Brett and Administrative Asst. Vicki Frerking. Another card will be requested for Vern Fast, groundskeeper. ▲Lori Thimm moved First Mennonite Church be designated as the charity to receive the 1.5% rebate generated by the card; seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

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 18 at 7 p.m. Pastor Brett will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.