

FMC CHURCH BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jerry Reimer. The lamp was lit symbolizing Christ's presence over the meeting. Present were Jerry Reimer, Mike Goossen, Amanda Thimm, Pastor Josh Janzen, John Regier, Debbie Goossen, Dan Kunzman, Sue Esau, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, and Adm. Asst. Vicki Frerking. Don Esau was absent. Vicki Hinz-Ensz led devotions on discerning God's call.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The January **meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. **Warren's Community Dinner Table** will be served February 21. Two future dates, in addition to the scheduled five, are undetermined at this time.
3. **The Annual Study Series** is this Sunday, February 19 with Pastor Trey Ferguson of Miami, FL as guest speaker. Coffee will be served during session 1 held during Sunday School at FMC. Session 2 will be held at FMC during worship. Session 3 will be held at Summit Street Church at 7 p.m. Sunday evening. He will be paid \$300 for each speaking session (\$900 total) plus travel expenses. Summit Street has arranged his lodging. He will speak on the reality of sin and the perfect love of Jesus.
4. **Technology Update:** Committee member Dan Kunzman reported that the committee's top priority is reliable basement projection equipment. Secondly, they are discussing production of podcasts by Pastor Josh.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Homestead Harmonizers** have offered, through their member Duane Claassen, to lead a service in June, July or August with a meal following. Pastor Josh is planning to be gone sometime in August so this is when we will tentatively have them sing and lead the service at FMC.
2. **Church Cleaning** will be March 23 at 5 p.m. and March 24 at 8 a.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Pastor Josh reported that he attended WDC's Pastor's Day Set Apart on Mental Health First Aid in Newton this week. He also attended an informational Poverty Discussion Group in Beatrice attended by many organizations and individuals. He also attended an interfaith meeting at the Tri-Faith Institute in Omaha this week.
2. **The Ash Wednesday service** will be at 6 p.m. so Peace Club and JYF may also attend.
3. He would like to begin having the offering collected during the service again during Lent.
4. The young married couples attended "A Weekend to Remember" in Lincoln the weekend of February 10-12. They are thankful the church offered them this opportunity to attend a marriage workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission, Peace and Service Council:

1. Dan Kunzman reported on the reorganizational meeting of Mennonite Men last week. Those in attendance decided they are very willing to work on projects, but don't want a formally organized group. It will be publicized that if needs arise that their group could help with, LeRoy Janzen or Dan Kunzman should be contacted.
2. Dan, Pastor and several others met at FMC with Nita Nickel of the WDC Church Planting Commission to discuss the help that has been given to the Newcomers.

Worship Council: Amanda Thimm reported they have worked with Pastor Josh on the Ash Wednesday service and the subsequent **Lent Sunday services**.

Education Council: Debbie Goossen reported that **Vacation Bible School** materials have been ordered. **Peace Club** will meet through April 5 when they will again meet with Prayer Partners.

Building Council: John Regier reported that the **trees on the south side of the cemetery** will be taken out during Church Cleaning.

Central Treasurer: The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. ▲ Mike Goossen moved that FMC again pay **registration fees for FMC youth attending a Mennonite affiliated camp**; seconded by John Regier. Motion passed.
2. Vicki Frerking reported that she has worked with the **Pictorial Committee** members Dolores Jantzen and Zella Penner. They will meet with Jim Christenson of Universal Church Directories next week to finalize the Pictorial Directory.
3. The **MC USA Convention** will be held in July in Kansas City. Volunteer delegates from FMC will be sought. FMC will pay their convention registration.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant