

## FMC Church Board Meeting January 16, 2024

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. The December Board **meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. The **Annual Meeting minutes** from January 10, 2024 stand approved with the correction of Sue Gerber's name.
3. Ordination plans. Each church board member is to bring three dozen cookies as dessert for the meal and the board will make coffee and tea. Jerry will inform Colleen's Catering to plan on 80 to 100 meals. The service is at 2:00 p.m. with Willmar Hardar of Buhler presenting the meditation.
4. ▲ Larry Thimm moved to designate \$5,250 yearly of Pastor's salary for **Student Loan repayment**; seconded by Don Esau. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Associate Pastor of Faith Formation:** ▲ Don Esau moved to empower the Church Board chair to offer the half time position to Sarah Nahar Regier with a salary of up to \$36,000 which she may allocate between salary and benefits; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed. If possible, the board would like her to start February 1. It is noted that it was approved at the annual meeting to use \$20,000 from undesignated funds in 2024 if needed to help finance the new position.
2. ▲ Dan Kunzman moved that Debbie Goossen continue as **official Church board secretary** for 2024; seconded by Sue Gerber. Motion passed.
3. **Ordination Gift:** Sue Gerber will get a gift from the congregation for Pastor Josh in celebration of his ordination.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. He is planning, along with Worship Council, an **Ash Wednesday service** for February 14.
2. He and Andrew Dungan (Summit Street pastor) are discussing **Annual Study Series**.
3. The **Catechism Class** is on hold in hopes that Sarah Nahar Regier will co-lead it with him.
4. **Leadership Beatrice** will meet tomorrow to visit local schools.
5. The **Ministerial Association** has had to postpone their January meeting.
6. **Partner activities with Summit Street Church:** He and Andrew are planning a path forward where more activities may be shared by both churches. This may possibly include an **evening Bible Study**.
7. The **Nebraska Mennonite Cluster** will meet Thursday of this week.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Missions, Peace, and Service Council:** nothing to report at this time.

**Worship Council:** Pastor Josh and Kathy Neufeld Dunn will present the children's story on January 21. **Decorating Committee members** for 2024 are Robbyn Hohensee, Zella Penner, and Paula Heinz.

**Education Council:** No report.

**Building Committee:** They will proceed with **planting trees** this spring on the south border of the cemetery, as approved at the annual meeting.

**Central Treasurer:** The financial report was presented in the meeting materials.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:25 p.m.. The lamp was extinguished symbolizing that God remains not only in this place but goes with us into the world. The next meeting is Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking