

## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH BOARD MEETING - June 19 at 7 p.m.

Chair Jerry Reimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The lamp was lit symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit over the meeting. Attending were Jerry Reimer, Pastor Josh Janzen, Pastor Sarah Neher Reimer, Kathy Casey, Don Esau, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Sue Gerber, Mike Goossen, Debbie Goossen, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Doug Casey and Dan Kunzman were absent. Vicki Hinz-Ensz led devotions.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. The **May meeting minutes** were accepted with noted change of the number of youths attending the MC USA Conference. The sentence should have read: "FMC youth will go to the MC USA Convention with Rainbow Mennonite and Southern Hills Mennonite, Topeka. Combined there will be two boys and three girls."
2. **MC USA Conference update:** The **resolutions** to be addressed at the conference are available on the MC USA website. If parishioners have input on these, they should talk to delegates Pastor Josh or John Regier Reimer.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board moved into executive session to discuss **Pastor Josh's parental leave**. Upon moving out of executive session, ■Mike Goossen moved to grant four weeks of paid time off for Pastor Josh after the birth of his baby (expected in early or mid-November.) Following the four weeks, he will return to part-time duties for four weeks. He will remain available for any congregational emergencies throughout the 8 week time period. Seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. In discussion, Pastor Josh agreed to preplan worship services for the first four weeks of leave and will be in consultation with the Worship Council during that time. He will be in the pulpit during the four weeks of part-time leave and in the office for two days of the week (possibly Tuesday and Wednesday). Motion passed.
2. **Beatrice Chamber of Commerce membership** fees: The yearly membership fee is \$175, and the board feels it's important to continue the membership. An additional \$35 is paid for Pastor Josh to participate in the Young Professionals Group activities. ■Mike Goossen moved to pay both fees; seconded by Don Esau. Motion passed.
3. **WDC Annual Assembly:** The Assembly is August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Delegate suggestions are to be relayed to Chair Reimer.

### PASTORS' REPORTS:

#### Senior Pastor Josh:

1. His current **sermon series of "Women of the Bible"** will conclude on August 17. A fall series on the Beatitudes will begin after that and run through November 9.
2. **Southeast Nebraska Collaborative (SENC):** FMC has received a referral for **FMC's Love Fund** which is listed with SENC on the website FindHelp.org. These requests are evaluated by the Deacons and Pastors.

#### Pastor of Faith Formation Sarah:

1. She has been reflecting on past programs and **planning for fall programs**.
2. She is preparing for **fall Baptism classes**.
3. She will be accompanying two FMC youths **to MC USA Conference** July 8-12 in Greensboro, NC.
4. She is worship leader at **Camp Mennoscah** next week and will be gone Sunday through Saturday.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Mission, Peace, & Service Council:** No report.

**Technology Committee:** No report.

**Worship Council:** They will meet in July.

**Education Council:**

1. Debbie is excited about WDC's new "**Kids Meet Christ**" program and is volunteering to go to the workshops and work with the Worship Council and Pastor Sarah on implementing the program at FMC.
2. **Vacation Bible School** was a big success with 32 attendees. All helpers are appreciated very much.

**Building Committee:**

1. In Doug's absence, Kathy reported that three of **the AC units** in the rooms on the north end of the church **have blown motors** caused by the "brown out" experienced during worship several weeks ago. Tracy Crawford is working with insurance to see if replacements can be covered.
2. The Cemetery and Building Committees are planning a **cemetery clean-up day** in July.

**Central Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The expenditures were normal although offerings have been down the past two months.

With no further business, Chair Reimer adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:40 p.m. and extinguished the lamp, signifying that the Holy Spirit goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. Doug Casey will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Assistant FMC