

FMC CHURCH BOARD MEETING, JUNE 15, 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, Debbie Goossen, Pastor Josh Janzen, Dan Kunzman, Vicki Hinz-Ensz and Adm Asst. Vicki Frerking. Amanda Thimm, John Regier, Sue Gerber, and Don Esau were absent. Jerry Reimer led devotions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The **May meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. **Technology Committee Update:** Pam Kunzman has been in contact with Midwest Sound in Lincoln for a quote to move the video camera from the balcony to the rear of the church main floor. The rough quote is \$1450. The Church Board has previously given approval for this work to be done. Pam will be instructed to go ahead and schedule the work.
3. The **Annual Study Series** remaining balance of \$379.36 for Trey Ferguson expenses have been finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MC USA Delegate session:** Pastor Josh and Vicki Hinz-Ensz are registered as delegates for the conference July 7 and 8 in Kansas City. Debbie Goossen is going as a delegate for Western District Conference.
2. **Pastoral Staffing:** The Deacons and Pastor Josh will develop a framework of job requirements and expectations for a part-time staff position for family ministry. This will then be presented to the church board for their discussion at the July meeting. An informational meeting will be held for the congregation before this position is approved.
3. **WDC listening sessions:** WDC is meeting with conference churches in the next year to visit with them regarding their needs and what the conference can do to better meet those needs and develop more intentional relationships with congregations. A Listening Session will be scheduled for late winter or early spring in 2024.
4. **Cemetery Fence:** Some concerns have been raised about not replacing the cemetery fence. Some discussions will be held to explain how a decision is being made regarding replacing the fence or not. No decision has been made at this time.

PASTOR JOSH'S REPORT

1. **Hosting WDC 2024 Annual Assembly:** Suggested dates from WDC are July 26-28 or August 2-4. The Board would like to avoid hosting this during the Gage County Fair so will wait until those dates are known before making a decision.
2. Pastor Josh asked the Boards **permission to be absent on Sunday, July 9**, following the MC USA Conference. MC USA is providing a pre-recorded sermon to be used on that date for churches whose pastors are at conference. The Board consented to his absence on July 9.

3. As he continues to try to **increase his involvement in the community**, he reported that he is now the **President of the Beatrice Ministerial Association**. He also asked the Boards opinion of him joining the **Leadership Beatrice** program through the Chamber of Commerce. ▲ Dan Kunzman moved that Pastor Josh enroll in Leadership Beatrice and FMC pay the enrollment fee of \$450; seconded by Mike Goossen. Motion passed unanimously.
4. He continues with his goal of **visiting all local members** of the congregation during his first year at FMC.
5. His current **sermon series**, “Dinner with Jesus”, will conclude on August 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission, Peace, & Service Council:

1. Dan reported that **Los Companeros** continues to work with the Newcomers. Today Jim Ensz helped six Newcomers move out of a home of 12 into their own home.
2. The **baseball equipment** is being used for twice a week ball games being played at the YMCA and Cedar School fields.

Worship Council: Amanda submitted a written report in her absence.

1. Vicki Hinz-Ensz continues to facilitate summer **Children’s Stories** that follow Pastor Josh’s sermons of “Dinner with Jesus”.
2. On July 23 there will be a **pulpit exchange** with Bethesda’s pastor Chelsea Vaught.
3. **Pulpit fill** for Pastor Josh’s absence will be Katie Jantzen on August 27 and Ruth Harder of Rainbow Mennonite Church on September 3.
4. Their committee continues to brainstorm ideas to incorporate into the Worship service.

Education Council: VBS was held with 36 kids attending and 30 volunteers An amazing offering of more than \$6000 was collected for the Community Food Pantry and Emergency Services. They thank Pastor Josh for his part in the challenges met. They will meet on July 13 at 6 p.m.

Building Council: In John’s absence, projects needing attention were discussed: remove the cemetery fence posts, replace the mailbox as moisture gets in, and reshingle the cemetery map shelter.

Central Treasurer: The treasurer’s report was presented showing May offerings of \$13,748.

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, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant