

FMC Church Board meeting, September 15, 2022, 7 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dorothy Zimmerman. The lamp was lit symbolizing Christ's presence over the meeting. Present were Dorothy Zimmerman, Vern Jantzen, Barb Thimm, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Mike Goossen, Don Jantzen, Pastor Josh Janzen, and Adm. Assistant Vicki Frerking. Don and Jane Esau and Jim Ensz were absent. Dorothy Zimmerman led devotions on 1 Corinthians 12:4-13.

Chair Zimmerman welcomed Pastor Josh Janzen to his first church board meeting.

Old Business:

1. The August Church board **meeting minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. **Technology Update:** The new website, developed by SOCS of Lincoln, is up and running. Pastor Josh, Vicki Frerking, and Vicki Hinz-Ensz have been trained on using and updating it.
3. **Pastor's office computer:** A new laptop computer has been purchased for the Pastor's study. Pam Kunzman is working on installing software that will allow for new church email addresses: pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org and office@fmcbeatrice.org. A new printer for his office has also been purchased.
4. **Cell Phones:** The church land lines do not have the capability to be a backup confirming number for you tube, etc. Rather than using the church secretary's personal cell phone (or a church member's cell phone) for this purpose, ■Mike Goossen moved that we discontinue the use of the land phone lines in the church, seconded by Vern Jantzen. Motion passed by voice vote. ■Vern Jantzen moved that the church purchase a cell phone for the secretary's office and a cell phone for Pastor Josh. The cell phone for the church office will remain in the church office. Pastor Josh's church cell phone will be carried by him in addition to his personal cell phone. Motion seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Livestream schedule:** Those who are scheduled to live stream the service on You Tube will follow a monthly rotation calendar and also be available on the first Sunday of the following month to advise the person serving for the new month.
6. **Pastor Josh's Orientation progress:** Pastor Josh has sat in on board meetings, training sessions, Deacon meetings, etc to orient into FMC and its members.
7. **New Church Pictorial Directory:** Vicki Frerking reported that Lifetouch, the company that did our previous pictorial, has gone out of business. She is researching other options.

New Business

1. **COVID:** Chair Zimmerman reported that Covid is now at a very low incidence and a new booster will be available soon. In light of this, no changes will be made to the current protocol.
2. **Sister Church:** Vern Jantzen has been contacted by the WDC office about the possibility of having a Sister Church relationship again. Vern brings it to the board for discussion, but had advised WDC that at the present time, FMC is quite busy with local immigrant assistance.
3. **Communion** will be held on October 2, World Communion Day.

4. **All Saints Day Speaker** (November 6, 2022): Chair Zimmerman was given suggestions on possible speakers. She will contact them.

Pastor's Report: continuing his sermon series on "Shalom"

1. He's developing another sermon series on Anabaptist Foundations for this fall prior to Advent.
2. He's making visits to congregation members.
3. He had his licensing interview with Western District Conference with ordination to be held in 1-2 years.
4. He's involved in an AMBS Transitioning into Ministry program which will involve him going to their campus in November and again in the spring.
5. He noted that the relationships being developed with the intercultural local "newcomers" presents a special opportunity for "theology of hospitality for all". FMC is showing itself to be a safe place for them.

Education Council: Peace Club is going well and has had some of the "newcomers" participating. Currently SYF is not meeting on Wednesday evenings due to lack of students.

Missions, Peace and Service Council: Noted that the picnic went well. They were happy to see the "newcomers" enjoying it.

Worship Council: They met last week with Pastor Josh and remain available to help as needed.

Building Committee: No report.

Treasurer's report: ■ Vern Jantzen moved to transfer the **Reach Out fund** to the Immigration Fund: seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on voice vote. The Reach Out fund was established when Interim Pastor Gail Cross donated back to the church an amount he was being reimbursed for as pastor. It was to be used to further the Gospel in the community. Currently there is \$492.12 in the fund.

Other Business:

Katie Jantzen has requested that the newcomers be invited to a church service here and that at least one hymn be in Spanish and the scriptures and sermon be printed in Spanish for them to participate. Pastor Josh and the Worship Council will work on this.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:05 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 will be Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Ensz leading devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Administrative Assistant