

FMC Church Board Meeting March 19, 2024

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

OLD BUSINESS

The February Church Board meeting **minutes were accepted** by consensus.

Chair Reimer presented the **WDC Listening Process report** from March 3 and comments were reviewed.

Homestead Harmonizers will lead the worship service on July 7. The men and spouses will join us for a potluck meal following worship. Pastor Josh will be gone that Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordination for Pastor Sarah: She updated the board on the process and her timeline.

General Fund projections from Treasurer Mike Goossen were reviewed. Mike will share the financial needs with the congregation.

PASTORS REPORT

Pastor Josh has been continuing his **home visits** now that he is healthy again. He reviewed the plans for the **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service**. FMC, Summit Street Church, Holmesville Church of the Brethren, and Holy Cross Lutheran are holding a combined **ecumenical Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m.** at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle on Easter, March 31. He attended a follow up meeting regarding the **local housing situation** with **Lutheran Family Services** in attendance. LFS will be working on this. He will be attending **"Transitioning to Leadership" at AMBS** on April 4-6.

Pastor Sarah has received 26 **Faith Formation survey responses**. She will review the survey responses with the Education Council and plans to hold opportunities for in-person conversations during April. The **JYF and SYF** have been using the "Lent at Home" resources on Wednesday nights. They plan to hold a Fiesta Fundraiser event on May 5. The Education Council will be **reviewing curriculum** to determine if the Orange Curriculum will be continued or the new revised Shine Curriculum will be implemented. She is planning an **Intergenerational Sunday School event on Easter morning**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mission, Peace, and Service Council: Dan reported that congregation members wanting to do community service can refer to the list of 36 agencies in the local area who would love to have volunteers. The My Coins Count welcomes additional matches.

Worship Council: Neal reported on plans for Holy Week services. A sign-up sheet has been on the bulletin board for food for the Maundy Thursday meal.

Education Council: VBS is May 28-31. The final Peace Club with Prayer Partners is March 27 with supper provided. JYF and SYF will hold their final meeting for the term that night also. Sarah and Debbie will attend the webinar "Making a Safe Church Protection Policy" provided by MC USA March 25.

Building Committee: Larry reported that he's been investigating the outage of the lights on the south side of the church. Plymouth Electric may have to be called. He's hoping to secure a lift through Marv Goossen to fix the roof leak. The pews do not have to be polished during church cleaning because they have a coat of polyurethane on and the polish can't get to the wood. They will be washed instead. He is fixing a toilet in the women's bathroom.

Central Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were provided. It was suggested that congregation members be advised to consider using auto drafts for their contributions to FMC.

With no further business, the meeting 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 is Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.