

FMC CHURCH BOARD MEETING October 19, 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 Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Sue Gerber, Don Esau, Pastor Josh Janzen, Dan Kunzman, John Regier, Amanda Thimm, Mike and Debbie Goossen by Zoom, and Adm. Asst. Vicki Frerking. No one was absent. Dan Kunzman led the group in devotion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The **September minutes** stand approved as presented.
2. In regard to the newly approved **Associate Pastor of Faith Formation** position, Jerry Reimer has spoken to Sarah Regier. She is working on her MIL and the Board hopes to be able to consider it next month.
3. **Office Space** for the new position: It's felt that the new office space will be in the room next to Pastor Josh's office, what is now the smaller of the nursery rooms. We will delay furnishing that office until it is needed.
4. **All Saints Day** speaker will be Vern Jantzen on November 5.
5. Chair Reimer and Pastor Josh reported on their recent **meeting with Summit Street Church's** Interim Pastor Andrew Dungan and Council member Scott Wiens. There is a desire for increased shared fellowship as Mennonites between the two churches.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Technology Updates:** There are none at this time.
2. **The annual business meeting** will be January 10, 2024. Chair Reimer will ask someone to present the devotion.
3. **Budget requests** will be needed from the Education Council, Worship Committee, and the Building Committee to prepare the 2024 Budget.
4. **Cottage Prayer meetings** will be January 14, 2024.

PASTORS REPORT:

1. He has a Zoom Interview on November 8 with the **WDC Ordination Committee**. He will find out that same day if he is to be ordained.
2. He is preparing to **lead a Catechism Class** for those who are considering Baptisms and church membership.
3. He is continuing his **AMBS program**.
4. He has enjoyed preparing for the sermons in the current series on **"The Lord's Prayer"**.
5. The **Ministerial Association** met today and would like more information on Los Companeros. They will be contacting Lutheran Family Services regarding the promotion of safe and affordable housing in the city of Beatrice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission, Peace, and Service Council

1. The Los Companeros **Baseball Game and Community Potluck** had to be postponed until October 29 due to weather. A Nebraska Legal Aid representative would like to attend that to make contact with the Newcomers.
2. The **MCC Mini-Auction** is Sunday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m.

3. A **free will offering breakfast** will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. to benefit the **M & M Project** at Camp Mennoscah. Tammy Unruh from Camp Mennoscah will be in attendance.
4. Mother to Mother/Burwood Books and Sewing for Babies were among the top recipients of **Big Give Gage** last month.

Worship Council:

1. The **Children's Choir** will be singing in church this Sunday.
2. **Faith Stories** will be presented in November.
3. **Peace Sunday** will be observed on November 12.
4. **Advent** begins December 3 with the theme "How Will We Know?"
5. **Christmas Eve services:** There will be a regular morning worship service on December 24 with a candlelight carol service in the evening at 6 p.m.
6. **New Year's Eve service:** Communion will be celebrated during the New Year's Eve morning worship service with no evening service.

Education Council:

1. **Peace Club** will conclude for this term on November 1 meeting with Prayer Partners.
2. **The Christmas Program** will be on December 17.
3. Shana Ensz is resigning as **Children's Resource Director**. A Committee of Pastor Josh, Sue Gerber, and Debbie Goossen will determine how to proceed with the duties of this position.

Building Committee:

1. The **elevator motor** has been replaced.
2. He is getting quotes for a **cemetery fence**. These will be presented at the Annual meeting in January, 2024.

Central Treasurer Report: Treasurer Mike Goossen presented the treasurer's report and answered any questions.

Other Agenda Items: A discussion was held regarding **servicing at Warren's Table**. Don Esau will talk with the directors of Warren's Table to see if future plans include discontinuing the drive-thru format used during Covid and still in use now and returning to serving meals inside the church. The number of people being served now is 120-130. It was discussed that the original format allowed interaction between volunteers serving and those receiving the meal.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:10 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, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Reimer will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.