

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH BOARD MEETING – September 16, 2025, 7 pm FMC Church Basement 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 Jantzen, Pastor Sarah Reimer, Sue Gerber, Mike Goossen, Debbie Goossen, Doug Casey, Kathy Casey, Doug Casey, Don Esau, Dan Kunzman, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Frerking. Vicki Hinz-Ensz was absent. Dan Kunzman led the group in devotions on Galatians 6:2.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The August **meeting minutes** were declared correct.
2. Chair Reimer asked for suggestions for **All Saints Day speaker**. Several suggestions were given. Chair Reimer will talk with them.
3. Pastor Josh asked if there should be any action taken after the congregational vote approving another 3-year term as Pastor. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Chair Reimer will work up another Memorandum of Understanding for Board Review and the Pastor's signature. Further discussion may be warranted at next month's meeting to see if we want to include a congregational responsive reading in a future worship service.
4. Sue Gerber reported that there's been interest in the **Prayer Chain organizing** again. She will pursue this.
5. **Usher Duties:** New ushers are unaware of their duties. It was suggested that a head usher meet with newly elected ushers at the beginning of the year.
6. Vicki Frerking will **distribute Committee and Council job descriptions** from the handbook for committees/councils to update for the Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

PASTORS' REPORTS

Senior Pastor Josh:

1. He hopes to begin **school lunch visits** again with children at Tri County, Thayer Central and Beatrice Public Schools.
2. **World Communion Sunday** will be observed at FMC on October 5.
3. **Child Dedication: Ivan Reimer** will be dedicated on November 16.
4. A **service for Dorothy Jantzen Lucker** at FMC will be on October 31 at 1:30 p.m. with burial in the cemetery here.

Pastor of Faith Formation Sarah:

1. **Fall education programs** have begun. There are 5 in SYF, 8 in JYF, and 18 in Peace Club.
2. **Baptism classes** will begin September 21 with 7 participants. They will have four meetings this fall with a remaining 8 in the spring.
3. **Safe Sanctuary Committee** is still working on revisions to the policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission, Peace, & Service Council: Men's Brotherhood received a request for gutter cleaning from a member. This is being done.

Tech Committee:

- Dan reported for Pam that the **FM transmitter** is not working.
- Pam has helped Josh ensure that his **recorded sermons** can be used in church during November.
- It's been reported the **hearing devices** don't work. We may need to check into something with Bluetooth.
- She has purchased 48 AA batteries that are in the first pew to replace microphone batteries when they are low.

Worship Council: They'll have a meeting in October. They are making plans for Advent services and for the services when Pastor Josh is on parental leave.

Education Council: They will meet on October 14 at 6 p.m.

Building Committee:

- Reminded the board there is a wedding at FMC on Saturday. The projector connections will need to be checked prior to Sunday morning church, if they've been moved.
- The **automatic east entrance door** has been ordered.
- They **replaced the flush valve** in the women's restroom.
- The Cemetery Committee **approved a tree** planted on the east edge.

Central Treasurer: Mike presented the financial report. Of note:

- The **insurance payment** for the replacement air conditioners was received in July and was paid out in August.
- The **\$1200 rebate** from Norris Public Power will show on the September finances.
- **General fund balance** on August 31, 2025 was -6,017.07.
- **Ernest Jantzen's memorial funds** were directed to the general fund by his family.

With no further business, Chair Reimer adjourned the meeting with prayer at 7:55 p.m. and extinguished the lamp, signifying that the Holy Spirit goes with us into the world. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Frerking, Adm. Asst.