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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010

- ✓ Devotions
- ✓ Minutes of 2007-2008 Annual Business Meeting January 14, 2009
- ✓ Pastor's Report
- ✓ Deacon's Report
- ✓ Deacon Election
- ✓ Main Ballot
- ✓ Building Committee Report
- ✓ 429 Factory Report
- ✓ Committee Reports
 - Auditing Committee
 - Other
- ✓ Church Board Recommendation
- ✓ Central Treasurer's Report
 - Presentation of 2009-2010 Budget
- ✓ Other Business or Concerns
- ✓ Closing Prayer
- ✓ Adjournment

First Mennonite Church
Congregational Statistics
12/1/2008 – 11/30/2009

Membership Gains

By Baptism
By Letter
By Confession of Faith

Membership Losses

By Death
Grace Gerritse, December 4, 2008, 83 years
Gilbert Hamm, December 18, 2008, 74 years
Helen Louise Penner , May 21, 2009, 82 years
Willard Penner, January 18, 2009, 86 years
By Transfer of Membership

Marriages

Kari Thimm to Beau Cox, July 31,2009
Michelle Crawford to Edward Goeking, August 15, 2009

Births

Natalia Johanna Jantzen, January 17, 2009, to Kerry & Kate Jantzen.
Tanner Reimer Copeland, September 25, 2009, to Jame & Chandra Copleand
Emi Shae Stephens, October 8, 2009, to Austin and Hillary Stephens
Ava Lucille Bruggemann, November 30, 2009 to Jon and Jennifer Bruggemann

Adoptions

Total Membership as of 10/29/2009= 240

Average Sunday Attendance: 114

High School Graduates

Karen Jantzen, Tri County High School
John Regier, Tri County High School
Christopher Riesen, Tri County High School
Matthew Penner, Tri-County High School
Nolan Fast, Beatrice High School
Shelby Walton, Beatrice High School

College Graduates

Heather Jantzen graduating from University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences in Nutritional Science
Kari Thimm, Bethel College
Amber Goossen, Bethel College
Miriam Friesen, Bethel College

First Mennonite Church
Annual Business Meeting

January 14, 2009

- ❖ John Penner opened the meeting.
- ❖ Lynn Gerber led the gathering in devotions.
- ❖ Mary Baumfalk read minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting. Minutes were approved as offered.
- ❖ Pastor's Report
 - Pastor Weldon opened his report by touching on two items of pastoral care. He spoke briefly about Willard Penner recovering from surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and about the recent fall of Dora Penner, who was being moved to Bryan LGH West.
 - Pastor Weldon briefly reviewed his report as printed in the booklet. He gave a brief overview of the Church Board Retreat held last February. He stated that through that retreat the group garnered a new found hope for the future and were reminded that we are all a part of the body of Christ.
 - Pastor Weldon touched on the Goossen Building discussion to come later in the meeting. He announced that he would again be meeting with interested pastors on February 12, 2009 at the Goossen Building.
 - Pastor extended his thanks to God, Florence for supporting him as he continues to solo Pastor and to Mary for her help.
- ❖ Deacon's Report
 - The Deacon's report was given by Mike Goossen. Mike reviewed the Deacon's role within the church. He also gave his thanks as he completes his service as 6 years as a Deacon.
- ❖ Deacon Election
 - LeRoy Janzen was the only nominee for Deacon. Tellers were Don Jantzen, Kathy Casey, and Barb Thimm. LeRoy was elected to the office of Deacon.
- ❖ Slate of Nominees
 - The slate was read by Bev Claassen. Time was given for additional nominees from the floor. None were received. Jim Ensz moved to accept the motion. Vern Jantzen seconded the motion. A hand vote was taken. The slate of nominees was passed.
- ❖ Building Committee Report
 - Norman Reimer gave the Building Committee report.
 - The Building Committee met with Dennis Schuster of Beatrice Mechanical regarding ways to save energy within the building.
 - Dennis suggested that by turning the main furnaces down in the building to 60 while the church is not being used, there would an estimated savings of 1100 gallons per year or 25% of our average annual consumption. Dennis estimated that it would take approximately 2-3 hours of recovery time to return the church to a more moderate temperature.
 - To achieve this, two programmable thermostats would need to be installed to program the shifts in temperature. This would cost 200-250 each installed.
 - However, the problem of heating the offices would become a larger issue.
 - One option is to add radiant heaters to the offices. However, the current wiring for the offices would be substandard for this addition.
 - The estimated cost of thermostats, heaters and wiring is \$2000.00.

- Dennis was asked about cooling in the summer time. He stated that he did not really think that turning off the air conditioning during the week would provide much in the way of electric savings.
- The optimal solution would be to install to mini-split heat pump units to heat and cool the offices then leave the remainder of the church controlled by programmable thermostats. The total cost of this option would be approximately, \$5000 for the mini-unit, plus \$200 for wiring and programmable thermostats.
- Members of the congregation asked several questions regarding the specifics of costs, and heating/cooling issues. These were answered in turn.
- The recommendation of the Building Committee was to proceed with the installation of two programmable thermostats, radiant heaters in the offices and a wiring update for the offices.
- This motion was seconded by Dorothy Zimmerman.
- After a few further questions and some discussion, a hand vote was taken. Motion carried.
- ❖ Other Committee Reports
 - Auditing Committee
 - Presented as printed on the Additions page to the booklet.
- ❖ Church Board Recommendations
 - John referenced the round table discussion that was held in October regarding the Goossen Building future and the pathways discussed at that meeting.
 - John presented the recommendation from the Church Board as printed in the booklet.
 - Gail Cross added to that discussion that he felt there was a general sense on the Board that Weldon feels truly called to pursue this mission and that the Board was in favor of supporting Weldon in that pursuit.
 - Time was given to the gathering to discuss the matter before them around their individual tables. After such time, the mic as opened to answer questions from the floor such as what other local churches are interested in participating in this venture, and the like.
 - The motion was received from the Church Board, seconded by John Hiebert. Time was given for further discussion on the issue. A hand vote was taken. Motion carried.
- ❖ Central Treasurer's Report
 - Lori Thimm referred to the reports as printed in the booklet. She highlighted the committee totals for the projected 08-09 budget
 - Lori was happy to report that the Church ended the year in the black and thanked the congregation for their continued gracious giving.
 - Lori moved to accept the reports and projected budget. Rita Friesen seconded the motion.
 - Time was given for discussion. The question of where the money for the Building Committee recommendation would come from in the budget was discussed. The Building Committee is usually over-budgeted from year to year. The amount needed would simply be taken from this section of the budget.
 - A hand vote was taken. Motion carried.
- ❖ Other concerns
 - Norman Reimer mentioned the need for guidelines for decorating the tombstones in the cemetery. This was referred to the Cemetery Committee to take care of.
- ❖ John Penner closed the meeting with prayer.



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2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

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BUSINESS COUNCIL

The Business Council is made up of the Finance Committee, the Building Committee and a representative from the Cemetery Committee along with the Central Treasurer, who serves as the Chair.

The Business Council met to review the 2009-2010 budget. We also discussed about projects for the upcoming year.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Church.

Submitted by Sharon Janzen

AUDITING COMMITTEE

No report available at time of printing.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee would like to thank and express our appreciation to Merlin, Rita, and Isaiah Friesen for their church janitorial work, to Ann Regier for grounds and cemetery maintenance, and to Vern Fast for volunteering his time and expense to keep everything mowed during September and October.

The church has been hooked up to the NRD water line. We also had programmable thermostats put in, along with electric heat in the two church offices.

This year the church mower will need to be replaced, and we have several leaks in the roof & walls that need to be taken care of.

Thank you to everyone that helped with church cleaning in the spring.

Committee members: Don Jantzen, Jim Ensz, Doug Casey

Submitted by Don Jantzen, Chairman

FINANCE REPORT MENNONITE FOUNDATION

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL

Members of the Council include:

Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Chair
Larry Thimm, Youth and Adult Sunday School Superintendent
Doreen Janzen, Junior Sunday School Superintendent
Marvin & Lisa Goossen, JYF Sponsors
Larry & Kathy Thimm, SYF Sponsors
Terri Jantzen, DVBS chair (outgoing); Lori Thimm (present)
Mary Jane Zimmerman, Library chair
Weldon Schloneger, pastoral representative

Agenda items covered in meetings:

- A conscious effort is made to have the agenda and meetings reflect the mission statement of the church and committee members.
- The "Gather Round" conference Sunday school materials are used for all youth Sunday School classes and one adult class.
- Bible School was held June 1-5. The Bible School program was the following Sunday, June 7. The theme was "Catch the Spirit".
- Pastor Weldon taught a joint catechism class in fall for youth from First Mennonite and Beatrice Mennonite. A joint baptism service will be held in January (2010) at First Mennonite.
- Fall Wednesday night classes included "The Peace Club" for youth, led by Debbie Goossen, and adult sessions, led by Pastor Weldon. The adults studied Ecclesiastes. Both met at Beatrice Mennonite Church.
- The Christmas Program was held December 20 during the morning service with all youth and members of the adult choir participating.
- An effort is made throughout the year to continue to update each council member's duties and add clarity to their job description for the handbook

Submitted by Vicki Hinz-Ensz

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Once again, our Junior and Senior High classes met together. They were led for the most of the year by Gail Cross and Jim Ensz. This fall all but one of the Senior High students was enrolled in the Catechism Class, which was led by Pastor Weldon. We had two adult Sunday School classes this past year.

One class met in the basement in the Fellowship Hall. They are using the "Connect" series, which comes from our conference materials. They are being led by four of the class members, Don Diller, John Hiebert, Lynn Gerber and Sylvia Cross.

The "Mosaic" class meets upstairs in the old "Mothers Room" and they continue to look at current issues and how these issues impact their daily lives. Members of this class take leadership responsibilities.

During the summer months, we combined the high school and adult classes. This year we spent the summer looking at MCC and many of their projects from around the world. We watched a number of videos and heard from various members who had visited different MCC projects.

A big thank you to all who have helped this past year.

Submitted by Larry Thimm

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

No report available at time of printing.

PEACE CLUB

No report available at time of printing.

SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

No report available at time of printing.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

“Catch the Spirit! Join God’s Work in the World” was theme for the 2009 VBS. It was a wonderful week with 51 children participating: 11 from our Church, 26 grand children, and 14 from the community.

The VBS Committee of Terri Jantzen, Lori Thimm, and Barb Thimm were a great help with getting things organized, contacting the children to invite them, and lining up the staff of 36 volunteers who helped throughout the week. Zella Penner served as assistant superintendent and provided the creative posters, bulletin boards and a VBS pamphlet for the week.

A staff orientation meeting was held on April 19 after the worship service. The VBS Committee provided the noon luncheon. The teachers received their class list, and room assignments were determined. The “Join the Action” leaders and other staff also received their materials and room assignments.

VBS was held June 1-5. It was a week later than tradition, but it seemed to work fine with the schedules and attendance. The worship time and closing mission time were held in the sanctuary. Three of the classrooms were located upstairs and two were held in the basement.

The VBS Committee provided hot dogs, chips carrots, and pop for Friday’s lunch after VBS. A “Join the Action” provided Rice Krispie bars for the dessert. The children were picked at 12:15pm.

The Open House was held on Sunday morning at 9:30am. The extra cookies from VBS were served. The VBS students provided the worship service at 10:30am. A drama was performed, a slide show of the week provided by Weldon was shown, and songs from the week were shared.

The mission project was for Thailand. Pat and Rad Houthphan are mission workers serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Borabu, Thailand. One of their projects is purchasing cows for \$550 each, and VBS raised \$1,232.02. This was enough for two cows! This project helps people provide for themselves by lending them a cow. After the cow has a calf and weans it, the local family gets to keep the calf and raise it. The original cow is returned to the church and lent to another family.

We praise God for providing spirit-given gifts to so many in our congregation. It makes the week such a blessing for everyone!

Submitted by Debbie Goossen, Superintendent

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

There were four children in the Junior Department. Dianne Peppard taught the first half of the year with myself finishing out the year. In September, I agreed to continue teaching the class for the next year. We continue to use the multi-grade curriculum.

The Christmas Story in drama and song "Journey to the Stable" was presented during the worship service on December 20 with the involvement of the Sunday School Department. The Adult Choir also helped with the program with Vicki Ensz and Kathy Casey being the coordinators.

Submitted by Doreen Janzen

2009 CHURCH BOARD REPORT

The Church Board met monthly (on the third Tuesday evening) to take care of the business of our congregation, and to discern how the Holy Spirit is leading us. Our meetings continued to be a good sounding board for new ideas, problem resolution and a time of Christian fellowship. The Board appreciates the support of the congregation through prayers, comments and financial contributions.

We are also thankful for the dedicated service Pastor Weldon provides to our church. Weldon and Florence have faithfully led our congregation for twelve years, and the Board accepted his retirement announcement with sadness. We thank God for his provision of good leadership, and trust that He will use Gail Cross in Weldon's stead.

Our congregational life is centered on worship and service. We are fortunate to have many members who bring their God-given talents into the planning and 'doing' of weekly worship, special events and outreach. We especially appreciate the dedicated work of Mary Baumfalk in the Church office, Merlin and Rita Friesen as custodians, and Ann Regier and Vern Fast in their attention to the church property.

The way we worship continues to evolve, as do our methods and avenues for service. Following Jesus, Maturing in Faith, and Carrying the Good News continues to frame our individual and collective faith story.

Some of the highlights of the year included:

- Set the church calendar and offering schedule.
- Set agenda and reviewed actions taken at the Church Business Meetings.
- Provided oversight to various projects, including the church's website and Vacation Bible School.
- Planning for the transition period at the end of Weldon's term in February.
- Called Gail Cross to serve as interim Pastor (3/4 time).
- Worked with Building Committee to maintain the Church Building and property.

Submitted by Jerry Reimer, Church Board Secretary

CHURCH BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Church Board recommendation for consideration at the Annual Meeting January 13, 2010.

The Church Board recommends that the Chairperson of the Building Committee shall serve on the Church Board for a one year term.

DEACONS REPORT

First Mennonite has three deacons, who consult with the Pastor and are members of the Church Board. We met with Pastor Weldon once a month to share updates on congregational needs and other concerns. Our meetings this year included discussion of a chapter of the book, "Soul Care... Care giving for the Church", by Herb Kopp.

We also spent a short weekend in Steinauer, Nebraska for a Deacon's Retreat with the Church Board Chair and spouses. It has been a pleasure to work with Pastor Weldon again this year as he has given guidance to our congregation. We wish the Schlonegers God's blessings as they end their ministry with us.

We assisted with Communion Services, visitation, and worship leading when Pastor Weldon was away or extra busy with Catechism classes this fall. Thank you to all who helped with worship leading, and have otherwise supported the work of our church.

Submitted by Jerry Reimer, Dorothy Zimmerman, LeRoy Janzen

GIFT AND SERVICE FUND

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Balance 12/1/08			<u>\$ 2707.12</u>
Additions		\$ 1825.00	
Disbursements	\$ 418.60		
Balance 11/30/09			<u>\$ 4113.52</u>

MISSIONS, PEACE AND SERVICE COUNCIL

Members of the MPSC:

Marv & Lisa Goossen, MCC Sale Committee Chr.	John Thimm Jr., MCC Board Rep.
Steve Kyser, Men's Brotherhood Vice Chair	Martha Goossen, Food Pantry Rep.
Jerry Reimer, Habitat for Humanity Rep	Gretl Jantzen, WMS Rep.
Vern Jantzen, Local Mission Fund Com. Chr.	Merlin & Rita Friesen, members at large
Richard Penner, Warren's Table Rep.	Roger & Bev Claassen, MDS Rep.

Some things we did in 2009.

- Each member carried out their responsibilities for our mission/service projects
- We conducted the "Just Eating" study series
 - Introduced modern prophets Michael Pollan and Wendell Berry whose writings can be seen on [www](http://www.amazon.com) and purchased at amazon.com.
 - 350 ppm co2 explained as the level at which civilization can continue.
 - Ate well.
- We brought in Amanda Balzer to speak on Christian Peacemaker Teams in Colombia, jointly with BMC. Amanda had supper with youth and a good discussion. Slides illustrated the work in which Amanda was involved when she spoke to both congregations.
- We initiated "Dinner and a Movie".
- Mary and Weldon revised our church brochure for newcomers. We deliver.

- Thanks to the wonder chef Dick Penner, we raised \$6,235 for the Guaderia Samuelito Fund to construct new classrooms, bathrooms with showers, a kitchen, storage room, laundry room, and porch for the new daycare center to enhance the work of our mission partners: Freddy & Margrit Barron.
- Looking ahead, car-church comparison. Most cars have a windshield much larger than the rear view mirror. Most churches have those two items reversed so the rear view mirror is much larger than what they look through to see the future. Anyway, as the MPSC looks to the future, we would like to expand the view and we have some concerns. What can we do to provide an opportunity for young people to farm? Is there a way to cease exporting our most precious product, our kids? Is there any way to wean our farming operations from petroleum? Is there a way to attract people to Anabaptist values and community? Is there a way to joyfully face the future? Don't just read this and weep. Send your solutions to fmbeatrice@hotmail.com, attention MPSC.

LOCAL MISSION FUND COMMITTEE

The local mission fund committee sent \$1000.00 this past year to Mennonite Disaster Service to support the work that Roger Claassen has been doing with MDS during the past year. The committee continues to welcome proposals for projects.

Submitted by Vern Jantzen

PASTORS REPORT

My 12th year at First Mennonite has been rich and full. Entering 2009, I knew it would be my last full year, and when I announced that fact to the congregation at the end of February, I was not sure how it would feel to me – and to the congregation to be in transition mode for an entire year. The chief question for myself was whether or not I could stay focused on the present, even as we made plans for the future. For my sake and the congregation's, I did not want to be too lame a duck. Thankfully, the challenges and opportunities of 2009 have been so many and so carried that it has not been hard to remain emotionally engaged in the life and mission of this congregation. At least in hindsight the past months have gone quickly.

Spent considerable energy in the first months of 2009 bringing people together to brainstorm about the mission possibilities for the Goossen Building. A strong and broad vision developed among local pastors and leaders for a cooperative ecumenical ministry to the youth of Beatrice. A committee was formed, then later re-formed, and is now well along in creating a new ecumenical organization to serve the youth of our area. We are one of many local churches that will support the "429 Factory" [Ephesians 4:20 – "building on another up"] as a new organization moves toward staffing and creative programming that connects to area youth. Though my initial idea was that this could be a First Mennonite endeavor, the Holy Spirit has led toward a wider, stronger ownership of this mission that will greatly enhance the building's role in "building up" the youth of this area.

My winter Wednesday evening Bible study was on the Gospel of Mark, and my fall Bible study was on the book of Ecclesiastes. I enjoy Bible teaching and I am gratified that so many people take the time and make the effort to participate in these times of exploring God's Word.

The announcement of my coming retirement prompted a request for me to hold one last catechism class for our high school youth. I seemed best to do that this fall. When Beatrice Mennonite Church also entered a time of leadership transition, parents of that congregation asked if their high school youth could join with ours in the class. After some extensive processing of the issues involved, I agreed, and the class of 11 youth – meeting during the Sunday School hour each week – has been a great blessing to me.

I am thankful for a strong Church Board, excellent Deacons, and committed Shepherds. Through the strong ministry of others, my ministry is supported and enhanced. I am also thankful to Florence, not only for the 9 years we pastured together here, but for her strong support of me during the last three years as I pastured alone. Her role of being both the ex-pastor – still in the congregation – and also being the pastor's wife created many challenges, and she has handled those with grace. Her leadership will all the Advent worship services and with Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services was priceless for me this fall.

I count it a privilege to have walked with you during the past 12 years. You have allowed me to become a part of your lives, through all the births and deaths and moves and challenges and changes. What has not changed is this congregation's love for God, its commitment to follow Jesus, its determination to support and care for one another, and its continuing desire to "carry the Good News to all." Your Leader is Jesus, not the pastor, and that Leader neither fails nor retires.

May God bless and keep you all.

Pastor Weldon

WORSHIP COUNCIL

The Worship Council coordinated Sunday worship music, including the Sunday Singers, soloists, men's and mixed quartets and involving musicians from the community. We assisted with the Lent and Advent services. Thanks to everyone who presented worship music, organists, pianists, scripture readers, PA system operators, video camera operators and the youth who help with the computer projection. We appreciate the time taken. We also appreciate Emm coordinating the Praise Team and hope that it will continue to enhance our worship service. We appreciate the work of the Decorating Committee who worked with Pastor Weldon to enhance our sanctuary and carry out themes and seasonal decorating. We appreciate church members letting us know when family members are in town that would enjoy being our special music and also the suggestions of community members. Worship Council members are Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Sylvia Cross, Pat Penner(decorating) and Pastor Weldon.

Submitted by Kathy Casey, chair

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee welcomed members and guests on Sunday mornings and at special events. Lori Thimm handled the arrangements for the visiting Canadian Mennonite University Choir. We thank her and all those that hosted the singers for the night. Bottle Creek Retreat provided lodging for guest speakers. A number of couples were greeted at the door on Sunday mornings.

Submitted by Elsie Riesen and Betty Esau

BEATRICE AGRIO-URBAN

During this past year, Beatrice Agri-Urban contributed \$2,500.00 to various organizations. We have money available for new projects. Agri-Urban would like to thank everyone who took part in the program this year.

The Agri-Urban Committee: Don Jantzen, Treasurer of Agri-Urban, Dick Goertzen, Representative on W.D. Agri-Urban Board

INCOME

December 19, 2008 Cash on Hand	\$ 8,910.12
Sales of Milk and Livestock	2,710.00
Interest Income	<u>4.13</u>
TOTAL	\$11,624.25

PAID OUT

Contributions Sent to W.D.A.U.	\$ 2,710.00
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TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,710.00</u>
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December 19, 2009 Cash on Hand	\$ 8,914.25
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ASSETS

December 19, 2009 Cash on Hand	\$ 8,914.25
TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,914.25</u>

LIABILITIES

Contributions Due W.D.A.U.	\$ 2,500.00
Project Cash	<u>\$ 6,414.25</u>

CONTRIBUTION

AMBS	\$ 500.00
Bethel College	1,000.00
MDS	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 2,500.00

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

During the past year, there were eight burials in the cemetery. Arnold Reimer, Charles Wiens, Mrs. Ernest (Irene) Claassen, Mrs. Don (Gertie) Claassen, Willard Penner, Mrs. Richard (Helen Louise) Penner, Gilbert Hamm and Mrs. Grace Gerritse.

It is the attempt to update the Cemetery directory once a year by adding the names and reprinting the sheets. There seem to be visitors stopping by to look up their relatives graves. This spring we will place several all-weather benches in the cemetery for visitors to rest and relax.

In refurbishing some of the area, it was discovered that there were some graves with no markers on them. It is the plans for the Committee to identify these with some type of a marker.

We encourage the reservation of burial lots. Committee members: Ron Wiens, William Goossen, and Louis Goossen

Submitted by Louis Goossen

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

We met at the church several times thru out this past year to continue to file the historical items.

We framed several pictures and hung them on the walls. In addition, the maps of the places and churches in our community are now framed and will be soon hung on the wall as well.

We had the room open for the church members to look around and see and enjoy the history of our church. We had several people stop in and look around. If anyone would like to look some more or show friends or family, please ask Weldon, Mary, Gretl or Doris to unlock the door. We would be happy to do that for you. We displayed some things for several Sundays for people to take if you'd like. It was things we really have no need for..there are still some things left. If you saw something and didn't pick it up, ask us and we'll let you go thru the box of things that was left.

We updated the church record book for this year.

Submitted by Doris Claassen and Gretl Jantzen

MENNONITE TUTION/LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Two students attending Bethel College for the 2009-2010 year received assistance with the Bethel College Matching Program/Church Tuition Fund: John Regier and Chris Riesen. The committee would like to thank all persons who contributed to the tuition fund. We encourage students to keep Mennonite colleges in mind when planning for their college education.

No student loans were dispersed. Several outstanding loans are in process for repayment. Committee members are Jane Esau, Zella Penner, Sue Gerber.

Submitted by Jane Esau, chair

MENNONITE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood participated in the following activities in 2009:

1. MCC Sale Projects
2. Habitat for Humanity
3. Agri Urban
4. MCC Meat Canning

The annual meeting was held on November 16, 2009 at the Beatrice Mennonite Church.

Officers for 2010 are:

President Steve Kyser (11)

Vice President Eric Klassen (11)

Secretary/Treasurer Daryl Riesen (11)

Project Committee Chair Doug Casey (10)

Project Committee

Duane Claassen (10)

Dan Dell (10)

Mike Goossen (11)

Jason Fielder (11)

Receipts:

Beginning balance	\$ 781.89
John Deere Grant	\$1,000.00

Disbursements:

Food Resource Bank	\$1,000.00
Ending Balance 12/09	\$ 781.89

Submitted by Daryl Riesen

NEBRASKA MCC RELIEF SALE COMMITTEE

The 2009 Nebraska MCC Relief Sale was held April 3rd & 4th, in Aurora, Nebraska. We served Windsor Loin, BBQ Chicken Dinners thanks to Larry & Kathy Thimm and Monty and Dianne Peppard who served as chairpersons for the meal. The proceeds were \$2,300.00. The youth from FMC and BMC again served soft ice cream with toppings, candy and pop; proceeds were \$888.65.

The proceeds from the Kleine Zweibach booth were \$607.00. Thank you to all who donated time to bake and to those who purchased and helped at the booth. This will soon be a lost art and will be worth much more as the number of people able to bake is getting fewer.

Total proceeds donated to MCC in 2009 from the Nebraska MCC Relief Sale and events were \$168,721.41.

The mini-auction by FMC and BMC was held on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 6pm at the FMC with proceeds of \$7,469.01. A portion of this will be used to purchase an Amish quilt that will be sold at the 2010 Nebraska MCC Relief Sale and the balance will be sent to the 2010 Nebraska MCC Relief Sale. We used the soft serve ice cream machine and sold ice cream and toppings and cookies. Thank you to all who supported this project.

The 31st Annual Nebraska MCC Relief Sale will be held **March 26 & 27, 2010** at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Aurora, NE. The following year is April 1 and 2, 2011.

The MCC Relief Sale Committee members are Lisa and Marv Goossen, Wendy and Steve Kyser, Pat and Gene Penner. We ask God's continued blessing on this work.

Submitted by Gene and Pat Penner

WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY

The WMS Executive Committee met in January to take care of duties and to appoint new members for the following committees.

Nominating Committee: Ann Reimer, Chair

Martha Goossen and Rita Friesen

Service Committee: Zella Penner and Elsie Riesen

Project Committee: Edna Ensz and Elaine Penner

Family Life Committee: Marjorie Epp and Doris Claassen

We went over the list of shut-ins and their names were then passed out at circle.

The WMS Executive Committee was in charge of the mealtime for church cleaning which was held March 19 and 20. Thursday evening there were 28 attending for cleaning and the meal.

On Friday morning 33 people were there for "Semmel" and for cleaning. At noon 25 people were there for the potluck. Thanks to all who helped.

In July some of our WMS ladies took cupcakes and prizes for bingo to Beatrice Manor and to Good Samaritan Center.

WMS has sent 29 comforters to Newton for distribution for the past months.

Our committee met October 28 to plan the annual meeting/Christmas Party. It was decided to give a \$100 Christmas gift to the Barron's, our Mission Partners and a \$75 Christmas gift to the Schlonegers.

Executive Committee recommendations:

\$500.00 to Mission Office for Barron's support.

\$250.00 to Western District Women in Mission

\$250.00 to Hopi Mission School

\$200.00 to MCC for Barron's building fund.

Respectfully submitted, June Diller, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2008 to October 30, 2009

Balance on hand 11-30-08		<u>\$1974.16</u>
RECIPTS		
General Offerings	\$ 719.75	
Christmas Offering 2008 (MW)	\$219.00	
Mennonite Women Projects	\$925.00	
Total Mission Offerings	\$1863.75	
Cookbook Sales	\$ 72.00	
Nut Sales 2008	\$101.00	
Nut Sales 2009	\$455.60	
Table Cloth Sales	\$ 250.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 878.60	<u>\$2742.35</u>
EXPENSES		
Mennonite Women (Christmas)	\$249.00	
Mennonite Women Projects	\$925.00	
Christmas Gift Barron's	\$100.00	
WDWM	\$ 20.00	
Total Mission Expenses	\$1294.00	
Project Committee	\$115.27	
Kitchen Equipment (Roaster)	\$ 29.88	
Postage and Shipping	\$ 4.35	
Total Expenses	\$ 149.50	<u>\$1443.50</u>
Balance 10-30-09		<u>\$3273.01</u>

SERVICE FUND

Balance on hand 11-30-08 \$ 437.19

RECIEPTS

Grace Gerritse Funeral	\$100.00
Gilbert Hamm Funeral	\$150.00
Willard Penner Funeral	\$500.00
Helen Louise Penner Funeral	\$150.00
TOTAL RECIEPTS	\$900.00

EXPENSES

Mennonite Mission Network	\$500.00
Hopi Mission School	\$250.00
Western District Women	\$250.00
Mother to Mother Ministry	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1300.00

Balance on hand 10-30-09 \$ 37.19

Balance in General Fund 10-30-09 \$3273.01

Checkbook Balance 10-30-09 \$3310.20

Letha Hamm, Treasurer

2010 Slate of Nominees

Committee

Function of committee

Remaining in office	Term Expiring	Nominees
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Auditing Committee - Inspects financial statements of various church organizations before the Annual Business Meeting. 3-year term.

Darlene Funk (11) Mike Goossen	Jim Ensz (10)	Gerald Jantzen
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Building Committee - Oversees maintenance and improvements on the church building and grounds. 3-year term.

Jim Ensz (11) Doug Casey (12)	Don Jantzen (10)	Mike Goossen
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Cemetery Committee - Assigns burial plots and maintains a current cemetery map. 3-year term, re-election possible.

Ron Wiens. (11) (BMC) Bill Goossen (12)	Louis Goossen (10)	Louis Goossen
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Central Treasurer - Prepare financial reports for monthly church board meetings, is chairperson of the Business Council, which prepares the budget. 3-year term.

Sharon Janzen (11)

Church Chairperson - 3-year term.

John Penner (11)

Community Food Pantry - No specified term.

Martha Goossen

Education Council Chair - Report activities of the Sunday School, VBS, Library, Youth Fellowships and Peace Club at the monthly church board meetings – meets four times a year. 3-year term.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz (11)

Finance Committee - Count money after church; assist the church treasurer in paying monthly bills, meet with Business Council. 3-year term.

Jim Hamm (11) Vern Fast (12)	Bill Thimm (10)	Lynn Gerber
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Habitat for Humanity of Gage Co. - No specified term.

Jerry Reimer

Historical Committee - Keep church record book updated, save articles of historical value. 3-year term.

Doris Claassen (11)

Gretl Jantzen (10)

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Hospitality Committee - Arrange for lodging and accommodations for speakers, be greeters before church services. 3-year term.

Louie & Ellen Esau (11)

Elsie Riesen & Betty Esau

Bill & Marilyn Goossen

Bob & Barb Esau (12)

Library Committee - Maintain and promote the use of the church library, acquire new material and work with Conference Library. 3-year term.

Judy Jantzen (11)

Mary Jane Zimmerman (10)

Dee Riesen

Ruth Marie Thimm (12)

Local Mission Fund Committee - Oversee use of funds, includes 2 members from BMC. 4-year term, 2 terms possible.

Don Diller (11) (2nd Term)

Vern Jantzen (12) (2nd Term)

Mennonite Loan/Tuition Fund Committee - Solicit and approve applications, solicit funds for Tuition Fund Program. Note: For IRS reasons, members of this committee may not have a family member that is eligible to receive the funds.

Zella Penner (11)

Jane Esau (10),

Barb Thimm

Sue Gerber (12)

Missions, Peace and Service Council Chairperson - Attend monthly church board meetings and report activities of committees structured under the MPS Council. 3-year term

Gail Cross (11)

Nebraska MCC Relief Sale Board - Attend board meetings to plan for the annual MCC sale. 3-year term.

John Thimm Jr. (11)

Nebraska MCC Relief Sale Committee - Coordinate participation in and management of annual relief sale. 3-year term, eligible for re-election

Steve & Wendy Kyser (11)

Marv & Lisa Goossen* (10)

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Gene & Pat Penner (12)

(*Eligible for another term)

Adult Sunday School Superintendent - Arrange class curriculums and teachers for Junior High through Adult, work with Administrative Assistant to obtain materials, attend Education Council meetings.

Larry Thimm (10)

Gayland Regier

Junior Sunday School Superintendent - Arrange class curriculums and teachers for preschool through 5th grade, work with Administrative Assistant to obtain materials, attend Education Council meetings.

Doreen Janzen (10)

Terri Jantzen

Ushers - Greet guests, take collections at church services, and assist at funerals. 2-year term.

Dave Hohbein (11)

Gerald Jantzen (10)

Roger Epp

Don Jantzen (11)

Jason Coy (10)

Don Esau

Monty Peppard (11)

Lynn Gerber (10)

Bill Thimm

Vacation Bible School Committee - Coordinates selection of material and staff for summer VBS. 3-year term.

Lori Thimm (11)

Terri Jantzen (10)

Zella Penner

Barb Thimm (12)

Warren's Community Dinner Table Board - Attend board meetings and help coordinate meals from our church. No specified term.

Dick Penner

Western District Conference Contact Person - Share information and resources from the conference with the congregation. 3-year term, eligible for re-election

Continuing: Letha Hamm

Worship Council

The chair serves on the church board during the third year of council membership, meets to coordinate ways of making the worship service more effective, coordinates weekly worship music, assists pastor as needed with other aspects of the service, finds ways to utilize the gifts of the congregation. 3-year term

Barb Thimm (11)

Kathy Casey (10)

Marcia Regier

Sylvia Cross (12)

Nominating Committee: (appointed by the Church Board – listed for informational purposes only)

Steve Kyser (11)

Norman Reimer (10)

Sharon Janzen (11)

Vern Jantzen (10)

Doreen Janzen (12)

Kathy Casey (12)

Jerry Reimer (13)