

**First Mennonite Church**  
**Church Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2010**

Church Board Chair, John Penner, called the meeting to order. Pastor Gail then lit the lamp to symbolize the presence of God. Gail led the group in devotions about the fruits of the Spirit.

Board members present: John Penner, Pastor Gail Cross, Leroy Janzen, Mike Goossen, Barb Thimm, Marcia Regier, and Dorothy Zimmerman.

**Celebrating Mission**

- Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Approved as offered.

**Missions, Peace and Service Council**

- The M.P.&S. Council met on April 11, 2010. Highlights of that meeting as follows.
  - Laura Franz reported on WMS, John reported on the recent MCC Sale, Dick reported on Warren's Table and address fellowship aspect alongside serving. Steve's group recently attended and attempted more fellowship. Jerry spoke on a Habitat remodeling project underway.
  - The various groups were reminded to take pictures to show during offering. Giving insight on the work of the various groups.
  - Heating System Update – Dick wants to look into the thickness of the floor and talk with a UNL professor about the project. Samples of tile were taken to test for asbestos levels. The cooling system is the most likely to fail of the two systems. Dick will continue to study.
  - Dinner, Games and A Movie has been rescheduled for June 27. Games will begin at 5:30pm – with John & Lori in charge. Dick will grill burgers and dogs with the Committee providing the supplies. The congregation will bring the rest. Movie will begin at 7:15.
  - Steve will provide a list of new people to the area. Gail, Rita and Laura reported on visiting new residents.
  - The next MP&S Council meeting is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship Council**

- The Worship Council met on April 20, 2010.
- The Council is planning worship through August at this time.

**Education Council**

- VBS is coming soon! There will be a VBS staff meeting on Sunday, April 25.
- Summer Sunday School begins May 2. A new Young Adults class will be held in Room 22.

**Pastor's Report**

- Gail thanked the Board for their support and encouragement.
- Gail encouraged the Board to inform him of those wanting a pastoral visit.
- Gail reported that he is excited about the new Young Adults class.
- Gail then gave a brief overview about the coming Church History Sunday services. This will include previous pastor's experiences, memories, and how each saw the congregation receiving the Gospel and living it out.

**Building Committee**

- The playground needs some work before Vacation Bible School.
- Men's basement bathroom – work in process.

**429 Factory**

- The Advisory Board has a meeting on April 21, 2010.
- Has suffered a set back. The project did not receive a grant they were hoping for. Looking into other grant opportunities.
- Dorothy presented a rough draft of a program brochure and newsletter.
- The Advisory Board will soon meet with Eric Buckwalter. Eric is a possible candidate to start the programming. He is willing to begin on a voluntary basis. He holds a degree in Social Work with an emphasis in troubled youth and has experience as a Camp Director. Funding continues to be the key issue at this point.

### **Church Board**

- MC USA Giving Request. The Board viewed a video from MC USA regarding a funding drive for their new facilities in Indiana. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled for the time being.
- Annual Study Series/Pre-Easter Series for 2011. The joint Deacons will work on this at a meeting on May 11.
- Communication is having some difficulties. Gail and Mary will work out a system to inform the Board, Deacon's and Congregation to important information/announcements.
- Oversight continues on the Joint Senior High Sunday School class. Decisions on whether the class will continue will be made after the end of the school year.
- The Joint FMC/BMC Committee has met once at the end of March.

### **Celebrating God's Provision – Central Treasurer's Report**

- Mike presented the account balances and register through March 31, 2010. The general fund balance as of 3/31/2010 was \$ 1655.79.

### **Celebrating New Mission Possibilities**

- Nothing new at this time

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer and a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baumfalk