

**First Mennonite Church
Church Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2009**

Church Board Chair, John Penner, called the meeting to order. Pastor Weldon then lit the lamp to symbolize the presence of God. LeRoy Janzen led the group in devotions and prayer.

Board members present: John Penner, Pastor Weldon Schloneger, Leroy Janzen, Gail Cross, and Sharon Janzen and Jerry Reimer.

Celebrating Mission

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

Missions, Peace and Service Council

- Gail reported that the Windsor Loin fundraiser grilled 650 loins and raised \$6,235. A big thank you to Dick Penner for all his work!
- Gail announced that the next "Dinner and a Movie" event will be held on 2/7/10 and the movie will be "Martian Child."
- The MPSC is continuing to look at greener options. Dick Penner, Marv Goossen and Jim Ensz will be meeting with a "Green" architect to discuss possibilities.

Worship Council

- Nothing new at this time.

Education Council

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Pastor's Report

- Catechism is going well. The kids are present and participating.
- Weldon is very thankful for all of Florence's help.
- Weldon brought up a problem to the Board. At this time, there are only three sets of Shepherds for the five Shepherd Groups.
- Weldon also informed the Board that the families of the Catechism students have decided to work together to make the meal.

Church Board

- **Building Committee** - The Building Committee would like to thank Ann Regier and Vern Fast for mowing in 2009, as well as the Friesen's for their continued custodial duties.
- The lawnmower is done. The Building Committee feels that money for the purchase of a new lawnmower should be added to the 2010 budget. The estimated cost is \$8,000.
- **Goossen Building** - Dorothy reported that the Advisory Board has adopted the name, 429 Factory and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws have been accepted and filed with the State of Nebraska. They should be a corporation within 30-45 days.
- **Annual Meeting Agenda**

- Church Board Recommendation will be published before the meeting and in the Annual Report booklet.
- Slate Election
- Deacon Election – So far, no names for nominee are confirmed.
- Budget
 - The Board looked through the proposed budget, allowing for changes where needed.
 - Pastor's Compensation. The calculations for Pastor's compensation were presented. The Housing Allowance was absent from the presented calculations. The rate of compensation was unknown at the time of calculation. It was moved by LeRoy and seconded by Jerry to allocate 25% of total base salary toward Housing Allowance. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. The salaries will be recalculated utilizing this information and reflected in the 2010 budget.
 - Guest speaker fees. It was moved by Sharon and seconded by Don that guest speaker fees should be raised from \$50 to \$75 per occurrence. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.
 - It is unknown if the Historical Committee will be in need of a budgeted amount this year or not. Sharon will contact Gretl Jantzen to find out if they need money added to the budget.
 - The Church Board will receive updated copies of the budget for review.
 - The Board discussed and decided that the Annual Business meeting should again take place around the round tables with munchies and coffee.
- **Nominating Committee** – The Church Board needs two volunteers to add to the Nominating Committee for 2010. Jerry Reimer volunteered at the meeting to serve on this Committee. Other suggestions were: Gerald Jantzen, Louie Esau and Rogena Jantzen. Mary will contact them to fill the position.
- **Auditing Committee** - A reminder needs to be placed in the Breeze that all books need to be turned into the office for the Auditing Committee. This will remind the Auditing Committee as well.
- **Transportation Coordinator** - The Board discussed that the duty of this person is not necessarily to drive those in need of a ride, but to help coordinate with those willing to drive. A list of persons willing to drive should be compiled and used by the Transportation Coordinator. Laura Franz has agreed to serve as the Transportation Coordinator.

Celebrating God's Provision – Central Treasurer's Report

- Sharon presented the account balances and register through November 30. The general fund balance as of 11/30/09 was \$ 16,211.46.

Celebrating New Mission Possibilities

- Nothing new at this time

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer and a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baumfalk