

**First Mennonite Church**  
**Church Board Meeting Minutes**  
September 16, 2008

Church Board Chair John Penner called the meeting to order. Weldon then lit the lamp to represent the presence of God. Weldon led the group in devotions.

Board members present: Weldon Schloneger, Dorothy Zimmerman, Vicki Hinz Ensz, Mike Goossen, Gail Cross, Jane Esau and John Penner.

**Celebrating Mission**

Minutes of August meeting were reviewed. Approved as offered.

**Missions, Peace & Service Council**

- Gail mentioned an article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding two young people that have served overseas with Christian peacemaker teams. The Board was asked if the Council should ask these young people to give a presentation at FMC. Other peace churches would be invited to attend this event.
- Council is looking for direction from the Board on what the Council's purpose should be at this time? The Council has not met over the summer and is wondering what they should work on next. It was brought up that as the Congregation moves on the usage of the Goossen Building; the Council may be called upon to assist.
- Can the Council come up with ideas for supporting Roger Claassen on his new mission?
- The Council will be presenting short reports on work going on. The first will be on Habitat for Humanity.

**Worship Council**

- Praise team has begun
- This upcoming Sunday pre-service music will be led by Roger & Bev Claassen. This will be advertised in the Breeze and on the website.

**Education Council**

- Sunday Classes have started. At this time, Jr. & Sr. High are meeting together. This arrangement may change.
- The Council is looking for the Board's guidance as to inviting the Hopi's/Hayah family to VBS again next summer. This is a big commitment of time and money. The Council is looking to find out if the congregation feels that this is a mission of the Church. It was suggested that the Council should place surveys in the mailboxes looking for guidance from the congregation directly.
- The VBS committee is discussing the possibility of moving VBS a week back next summer.
- Wednesday Evening classes will be held at BMC at 7pm again this year. Weldon will be teaching on Mark for the Adult Bible Study. The children's Peace Club will also meet at BMC at 7 pm. SYF will continue to meet primarily in homes while JYF will primarily meet in the Goossen Building.

**Pastor's Report**

- Harold Penner will be joining FMC during the Sunday School hour on October 5 for a power point presentation on, "The Great Trek".
- Communion has been moved to Sunday, October 12 due to Market on the Green the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Weldon will be on a "stay-cation" next week. Alicia Janzen will preach Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Board**

- Round Table Meeting – this will be held Sunday, October 26 at noon. The topic of discussion will be the Goossen Building future. Pathways will be distributed to the mailboxes October 5. A short list of specific table questions should be developed at the next meeting. The Board then briefly reviewed the pathways and discussed the options available. As well as other questions such as, what age group should be targeted to use the facility, and what will be the congregation involvement be if someone is hired to run the a "center".
- Building Committee – Heating and Cooling – The Board discussed that the Building Committee should go ahead with looking at options to make the building heating and cooling more efficient. Farmer's Co-op offers

a program that will evaluate the current system and make suggestions with detailed pricing. This program should be explored.

- Nominating Committee – The Board needs to appoint one person for the Committee and two for next year. Suggestions were gathered. Mary will contact to fill these positions.
- Deacon Election – Mike Goossen’s term as church deacon is expiring. He is not eligible for reelection. This needs to be advertised in early October.
- Technology Discussion
- The laptop has been had trouble off and on again. The Board agreed that the purchase of a new one should be built into next year’s budget.
- The Board discussed purchasing a small projector to use in the basement for Sunday school and other gatherings as needed. The Board approved this purchase.

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

Lori presented the account balances and register through August 31, 2008. The general fund balance as of 8/31/08 is \$ 9235.74.

#### **Celebrating New Mission Possibilities**

Nothing new at this time.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer and a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baumfalk