

March 2023 Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

The meeting was opened at 7:07pm with a prayer from Bob Waller.

Attendance

Doane Brubaker, Ken Schwoerer, Brian Mohr, Janice Reimer, Joe Brandt, Bob & Suzi Waller, Brenda Dozier, Julie Greenburg and Melinda Hartter.

Absent: Scott Larson and Blake Otto

Correspondence

We received a note from Compassion regarding Fernando, stating that he is no longer enrolled in the program (which was unexpected to Compassion). They will be in touch with us soon to possibly sponsor another child.

Youth Group/VBS

VBS will be held June 19-23 at CMC in the mornings. Carrie and Emma would like to serve breakfast Sunday the 25th and have a short presentation before services.

Outreach Committee

Committee now consists of Jeanise, Janice, Blake and Suzi, with Doane in an advisory role. Everence has a matching grant (with up to \$1200 per year available) that we should be utilizing. We were encouraged to keep this in mind for the year, as needs arise. This may be utilized by church members or to be given to those in need.

MW

In February, MW made Valentine favors for the nursing home. They also made jump ropes for the relief sale. March 9th and 10th, they will be making noodles for the relief sale as well.

Financial Report

Report given by Suzi; see Treasurer's Report for details. Water/sewer bill was higher than normal; possibly due to the leak that has been fixed. Suzi will let the board know if it's high again next month.

Addendum on 3/3/23: Suzi needed approval for what account to transfer funds from, as the coming bills will exceed the amount in Local Mission. Per the board's approval, she will transfer funds from the Parsonage account, as needed.

Trustee Report

Attic repair will be done in spring or summer.

Rewiring project will begin this month.

Video worship recording is being researched. A cameraman will be coming Thursday, March 2nd to give a brief presentation and answer questions. Some board members have met with Brian from Danvers to see what they do for their live streaming.

Possible lot grading to be done near the parsonage this summer.

Pastor Report

Catechism class began February 19th and Doane is really enjoying the time spent with the middle-schoolers.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that Pastor Doane can plan on serving communion on April 2nd (Palm Sunday; also first Sunday of second quarter) and April 6th (Maundy Thursday).

Old Business

There was more discussion regarding ideas to solicit more helpers for morning services from the congregation (worship leader, children's time, Scripture reading, etc).

First Sunday Family Game Night & Fellowship will be Sunday, March 5th at 5:30pm.

Distress Supper was February 16th and Bob noted there will be a learning curve, as there are a lot of new people on the board/in charge this year and after being online only for several years.

Upcoming Dates/New Business

Mennonite Relief Sale is March 18th.

Next board meeting is April 5th.

VBS at CMC will be June 19-23.

FEC Conference is July 27 & 28 in Ft Wayne, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Doane at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Hartter
Secretary