

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

The meeting was opened at 7:04pm with a prayer from Bob Waller.

Attendance

Doane Brubaker, Ken Schwoerer, Janice Reimer, Joe Brandt, Bob Waller, Scott Larson, Brenda Dozier, Julie Greenburg and Melinda Hartter.

Absent: Brian Mohr and Blake Otto

Guests: Eric Hall and Hal Lehman from FEC, Carrie Schwoerer and Emma Brandt

Correspondence

Eric and Hal welcomed us to FEC and gave a brief history of how it began (which was in 1865). They discussed their specific leadership roles and also what it means for us, as a church, to be a part of FEC. Also discussed the missions and church planting that is happening nationally and also in South Africa/Africa.

Youth Group

Carrie and Emma expressed a desire to begin and lead a VBS program at our church. It's tentatively set for the mornings of June 12-16. It will include ages K-5th grade. The board gave their full support for this and will give any financial support needed.

Mennonite Relief Sale

Emma gave a brief update on the MRS. Pancake breakfast will begin at 6am, with the auction beginning at 8am. Making noodles for the Dutch Market was discussed and is being organized by Brenda and several others.

MW

In January they took down Christmas decorations and set up for the annual meeting. Next MW will be Thursday, February 9th.

Financial Report

Will be given in March.

Trustee Report

Attic repair/sealing will be done in Spring or later; upon investigation by Ken and Scotty, it should only need some minor work. Staining the attic access door/stairs was discussed.

Rewiring project will begin in the next month or two.

Video worship recording is being discussed and Blake is exploring options for this project.

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

Pastor Report

Pastor Doane plans to begin catechism class on February 19th, to go through April or May. This will be for the junior high students, as well as any adults desiring to attend.

Old Business

Annual meeting went well. The amount raised for the Youth Group is unknown.

New Business

Welcomed Julie to the board as a Deaconess. Thanked Ken and Blake for continuing in their respective positions.

Monthly church family nights are being organized and details will be announced soon.

Discussed ideas for encouraging congregation participation in morning service by breaking the jobs into smaller parts, if this will generate more volunteers.

Upcoming Dates

Next board meeting is March 1st, 2023.

Mennonite Relief Sale is March 18th, 2023.

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

The meeting was closed in prayer by Ken at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Hartter
Secretary