

**St. John Mennonite Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017**

**APPROVED
06-12-17**

Members present: Steve Amstutz, Steve Dean, Pam Hermon, Randy Keeler, Dave Lee, Tyler Macke, Paul Perkins, Neil Reichenbach, Cindy Schomaeker, Gin Sommers, Rachel Antrim

Steve Dean called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Cindy Schomaeker moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting. Steve Amstutz seconded. Motion carried.

General Business:

- Neil Reichenbach – 2016 audit is almost complete.
- Building project tabled until June council meeting.

Old Business:

- Randy Keeler provided an update on the Constitutional Revision Committee. In June the committee will be working on a description of why certain changes have been made to constitution. Will then bring back to Elders/Council and then Congregation.

New Business:

- None.

Financial Report: Gin Sommers reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- March 2017 giving was \$69,193 which is \$4,782 below the budget. Expenses were \$65,939 which is \$8,036 below the budget. The result is a net surplus of \$3,254 for the month.
- March 2017 giving was \$892 lower and expenses were \$6,767 higher compared to the same period in 2016.
- 2017 budget process will start in July 2017.
- Cindy Schomaeker attended Worker's Comp seminars regarding employee health & safety policy. Council will approve work Health & Safety policy and accident report form at June 2017 meeting.

Neil Reichenbach moved to approve the March 2017 financial report, including the attached financial statements. Randy Keeler seconded. Motion carried.

Facility Committee Report: Dave Lee reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- Received additional quotes and re-worked estimates for classroom addition.
- Basketball court stripes in the gym are starting to unravel. Planning to replace mid-summer at no cost.

Missions Committee Report: Steve Amstutz reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- Reviewing additional applications for Romania trip and distributing money.
- Accepted Adam Wireman's resignation.
- Cindy Schneck is working on phase 2 of the mission board. Phase 2 will hopefully be completed by end of May or beginning of June.

Co-Directors of Children & Family Ministries Report: Rachel Antrim reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- Wrapped up school year events – Awana and Kid’s Musical.
- Working on VBS, IGNITE, Summer Sunday School, Romania trip, and starting to plan for fall.

Youth Director Report: Paul Ginther. *(Written report submitted)*

- Concluded High School small group Bible Study and Jr. High Club 2 ministry at the end of April.
- Romania team continues to meet on Sunday mornings to plan and prepare for upcoming mission trip.
- Continue to coordinate and help lead Sr. High Sunday School.

Leadership & Discipleship Pastor Report: Tyler Macke reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- Men’s ministry – Prayer group completed what they felt God was leading them to do.
- Women’s ministry – Met with ladies from the church on April 29th to review survey results. Linda Laing agreed to oversee Women’s ministry team.
- Greeter system – Greeter’s will sign up for dates they would like to greet.
- There will be Roamer’s (Dan Amstutz, Paul Ginther, Jason Yost, Tyler Macke, and Lynn Thompson) each Sunday to look for individuals that are unconnected to an ABF.

Worship Coordinator Report: Lauren Macke. *(No report submitted)*

Lead Pastor Report: Paul Perkins reported. *(No report submitted)*

- Involved in a number of crisis counseling meetings.
- Working with staff on goals and objectives.
- Met with various individuals in the church.

With no further business, Steve Dean adjourned the meeting and Tyler Make closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hermon, Council Clerk

Steve Dean, Congregational Chairman