

**St. John Mennonite Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017**

**APPROVED
10-09-17**

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

Members absent: Pam Hermon

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

Cindy Schomaeker moved to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting. Steve Amstutz seconded. Motion carried.

General Business:

- Elder Nominations – Pastor Paul is taking care of the details. Andy Borgelt will teach the classes.
- November Congregational Meeting – Neil Reichenbach moved to approve Sunday, November 12, at 6 pm as the meeting date. Tyler Macke seconded. Motion carried.
- Classroom Project – As a result of the recent Q&A, Dave Lee presented research, including new options/drawings. After Council discussion, Pastor Paul Perkins moved to proceed with Plan A – a single project but in two phases. Phase one is the new Classroom area and is fully funded by the excess in the Hi-Fi Account and the Trustee's D39 Account. Phase two would entail the Restrooms/Offices in the current Office wing and be funded by the 2018 Trustee Budget. Steve Amstutz seconded. Motion carried. On September 24, an update will be given to the Congregation.
- Ella C. Basinger Fund Clarification – Neil Reichenbach reviewed the language of the fund and reported that usage is under Council's discretion, within the scope of Missions.

Old Business:

- Constitution – A special thank you was given to the Constitution Review Committee – Randy Keeler, Kaylene Blank, John Kohli, Rick Fricke, David Voth – for their hard work and time spent on the revisions over the last year. Cindy Schomaeker moved to approve the revisions as presented by Randy Keeler (Chair of the Constitution Review Committee) and to bring forth a vote to the Congregation. A Q&A on the revisions will take place on Sunday, September 24, at 6 pm.
- Randy Keeler moved to approve a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 8, at 6 pm for prayer and a vote on the Constitution revisions and the Classroom Project. Dave Lee seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Endowment Fund Committee – A presentation will be given at a future Council meeting.

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

- July 2017 giving was \$72,781 which is \$1,194 below the budget. Expenses were \$91,202 which is \$17,227 over the budget. The result is a net deficit of \$18,421 for the month.
- July 2017 giving was \$5,520 below and expenses were \$29,070 higher than compared to the same period in 2016.
Randy Keeler moved to approve the July 2017 financial report, including the attached financial statements. Tyler Macke seconded. Motion carried.
- The 2018 Proposed Budget was reviewed. Council is set to approve next month at their October meeting, after the Q&A on September 24.

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

- Nothing to report – no meeting in August.

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

- Ron & Donna Schumacher (Wycliffe) and St. John Youth (Romania trip) presented at the Joint ABF on September 10, 2017. Attendance was 219. Door offering was \$1,019.
- Finalized the Missions 2018 Budget.
- The Mission Festival is scheduled for March 16-18, 2018. Dan Wolgemuth, President of YFC – USA, has accepted our invitation as our main guest speaker.

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

- Training meetings were held for Sunday school teachers.
- Held Promotion Sunday in School school classes.
- Recruiting volunteers for Awana, and preparing schedules and materials. 142 kids are registered.
- New design for Kids Worship for 4 year olds through 3rd graders – all Sundays except the 4th.

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

- Began classes at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Held a Jr. High/Sr. High Mohican canoe trip.
- Held a Main Event meeting with several high school students to share the vision and ministry opportunity in which they could be a part of.
- Worked on writing and developing monthly devotionals for the youth, leaders, and parents.

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

- Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry is kicking off.
- We have two new Men's leaders.
- Wrote a detailed manual for 6 week group leaders.
- Met with Dave Lee and the engineers from Technicon regarding the Classroom project.

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

Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Paul Perkins reported. *(Written report submitted)*

- Moved into new home.
- Worked on Elder expectations.
- Small Group leaders training.
- Weekly counseling with members/attendees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Schomaeker, Council Clerk Pro Tem

Steve Dean, Congregational Chairman