

**St. John Mennonite Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018**

**APPROVED
2-5-2018**

Members present: Steve Reichenbach, Steve Dean, Pam Hermon, Dave Lee, Paul Perkins, Gin Sommers, Marcia Phillips, Joe Suter

Members Absent:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Dave Lee moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting. Paul Perkins seconded. Motion carried.

General Business:

Old Business:

- At-Large Council Members - Elders and Council will recommend and approve at their February 2018 meeting.

New Business:

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

- November 2017 giving was \$78,593 which is \$5,618 above the budget. Expenses were \$66,346 which is \$7,629 below the budget. The result is a net gain of \$13,247 for the month.
- November 2017 giving was \$6,814 higher and expenses were \$4,234 lower compared to November 2016.
- Steve Reichenbach moved to approve the November 2017 financial report. Joe Suter seconded. Motion carried.

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

- Praise the Lord for receiving the classroom and bathroom permits.
- A new D account has been set up for the building addition. Moved \$40,000 from D39 over to the new D account to start paying bills.
- Added seat belts, new headlights, and completed alignment of front end of the van.
- Suburban required a new fuel pump.

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

- A one time gift of \$1,400 was given to Mission Possible in Haiti for supplies to build a new school.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship & Global Disciples will be presenting at the January Joint ABF.
- Parker Schroeder with Avant @ Echo Ranch will present at February Joint ABF. He has enough support at this time.
- March 16th-18th is the Mission Festival. Dan Wolgemuth - President of YFC will be speaking.
- White gift offering in December 2017 was \$2,394.36

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

- The nursery now has a video monitor for the sleeping room.

- Lindsay and Gary painted the 3's and 4's classrooms over Christmas break.
- As a thank you to all the Awana leaders, Rachel provided a meal to all the leaders and their families on a Wednesday evening before Awana.

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

- Planning the Jr. High Club 2 service by preparing leaders with lesson outlines and discussion questions while also leading the large group teaching and the guy's small group's discussion.
- Leading and overseeing Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday school classes.
- Held the annual High School Christmas formal at the Yoder's residence. This was a very special night and opportunity to serve and bless the youth. The senior class chose to give the \$2,000 donation to this upcoming Ignite summer camp.

Leadership & Discipleship Pastor Report: Tyler Macke. *(No report submitted)*

Worship Coordinator Report: Lauren Macke. *(Written report submitted)*

- Prepared handing off responsibilities with resignation on 12/31.
- Planned December 3, December 24, and December 31 services.
- Finishing off a good year with much to be thankful for.

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

- Completed year end reviews and evaluations.
- Looking at doing a Marriage Seminar in Ottawa in 2018.
- Planning an Elder retreat last weekend in March.
- Planning a date for Staff retreat.
- Search committee - completed 3 interviews.
- Raised \$3,000 at garage sale for Haiti surgeries.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hermon, Council Clerk

Steve Dean, Congregational Chairman