**2020 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome:** Mark Johnson welcomed everyone to the annual meeting, which was held in the sanctuary on Sunday March 21st, 2021.

**Prayer:** Scott Lovell prayed for the annual business meeting and for the continued spiritual health of our church.

**Opening Remarks:** Mark Johnson opened the meeting with his “stepping down” as chairman and “handing over the baton” to Jason Farver. He has been blessed to be our chairman and will continue to serve as a deacon. Mark summarized his Chairman’s report, attached in the booklet. He also stressed the significance of 7 new members during a pandemic. “How Great is Our God”?

**Devotions:** Pastor Andrew gave the devotions from Genesis 4:1 and Matthew 25: 1-26. Pastor Andrew reflects back to Cane and Abels’ 2 different offerings, one more acceptable than the other to God, reminding us to “guard our hearts”. In Matthew, the story of the “Bags of Gold”, Andrew encouraged us to think of “reconciliation”, and of the overwhelming opportunity for us to share the “Gift of Love” with others.

**Board Secretary’s 2020 Annual report:** Carey read the 2020 Annual meeting minutes. The annual mission budget number was incorrect, this was corrected after the meeting and send to church secretary to be kept with the 2021 booklet. Minutes for 2020 were m/s/c.

**Treasurers’ Report:** Marty gave the treasurer’s report, please see his written report for more details. The books were audited by Scott and Eli last week. There was discussion on, how to increase the mission budget by 20%? Bruce Schmadeke challenged us to increase our goals when compared to other local churches giving, we can do better. The $48,630.00 listed for missionary expenses is not all directly going to missions, there were other items listed under this category. This is the first year working with Dessel Tax, the treasurer and mission team will look at this in 2021 and change some categorizations. The total income for the year was $305,049.50, which is down from the past year of $369,696.35. This past years’ expense was $278,250.49 which is down from $344,064.61 the year prior. Net income from March 2020-Feb 2021 was $26,799.01. One of the first goals of the board is to establish a church budget for the coming year.

**Pastor of Youth & Discipleship Report:** Pastor Pete summarized his report, see booklet.

**Senior Pastor Report:** Pastor Andrew summarized his report, see booklet. It was Andrew’s birthday, and the members sang to him, everyone was invited to stay after for a light lunch and cake.

**Deaconess Report:** See report in booklet.

**Any other report:** No other position wanted to read their reports, they are all printed in the booklet.

**Old Business:** Church Audit: was completed by Larry Austin, from the central district. He has given the board suggestions. The first goal is to establish a church budget.

75th Celebration: Discussion of whether to still plan the celebration for this summer or wait until the 80th. General consensuses were to wait until the 80th, the committee agreed.

**New Business:**

Vote on new members: 39 members present, unanimously approving the 7 new members.

Vote on Nominations for Offices 2021-2022: The ballot was accepted as written with a vote of 40 to 2. Discussion took place as to whether a few of the officers were current members, this will be handled by the deacon board.

Missions Budget: The committee suggested adding Ginger Murphy in the amount of $1200/annually. Farvers were removed as they are back in the states and serving a church. Jeff and Kaitlyn Nelson and Tim and Ann Wester have retired. Mission budget, m/s/c

Discussion on library and organ: Discussion involved converting the library into more of a multi-media center and encouraging more use of the room. A committee will be set up and Pete will head this, the following volunteered during the meeting: Anna Schmadeke, Pastor Andrew, Bridgette Van Houten, Carol Eaton and Pete will select a few youths. This committee will come up with ideas and bring them to the board.

Discussion occurred involving the organ. The organ has not been played in a few years and is apparently broken. This organ was given in memory of Kathy Gregg. The motion was made for the board to deal with the organ with respect to the Greggs. m/s/c

Closing & Prayer:After closing in prayer, Scott Lovell came up to the podium and thanked Mark for all his hard work and years of service to the MEFC.

**Meeting adjourned, fellowship followed in the FLC.**

**Minutes taken by Carey Ducommun, Board Secretary**

**On Sunday April 25th, 2021, a special member only meeting was held to vote in 2 more members to MEFC, Lori and Bryan Bush.**

**Minutes approved by members on 03/20/22. m/s/c**