FEBRUARY 21, 2021 MEFC BOARD MINUTES

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Kyle Oswald opened with prayer, and Pastor Pete led the devotions. Scott Lovell will do devotions in April.

Secretary’s Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. January 2021 minutes were m/s/c.

Treasurer’s Report: Marty Jenness gave the Treasurer’s report. January’s total income was $32,492.31, with expenses of $26,835.10. Marty shared that the money from the calendar sales will be going towards something in memory of Pat Johansen. The treasurer report was m/s/c.

Trustee’s Report: The Trustee’s met with Alan Dessel prior to the general board meeting. They are all in agreement on a proper way of coding the housing allowance for Pastor Pete. All parties are in agreement. Burkhardt and Dawson have presented some ideas in their audit to possibly have a Policy and Procedure Handbook, this is something we may have to look at proceeding with in the near future. Invoices are being checked closer. They also suggested logging all donated items. Another suggestion was to possibly have a budget. Scott Lovell suggested that maybe after the annual meeting when the new board is developed, we can further discuss this option.

Pastor Andrew’s Report: Pastor Andrew presented his report in a new style. He is happy with the Bible Reading numbers but would like to encourage all of those reading to turn in their chapters, and also encouraged all to continue to read those chapters! Pastor Andrew would like to have a Staff and Deacon Retreat in the middle of May. He would like to have a Friday evening for a fun event with family and then have the Board members that are there meet for a planning session the next day. He will be sending out an email with Plan A, B and C and with the total costs and the Trustees will help to decide on which option they will choose.

Pastor Pete: Pastor Pete planned to have an appreciation dinner for some of his helpers this evening but that was re-scheduled due to conflicts with some of those that were to attend. He has had over 40 students coming to the Jr. & Sr. High youth group, with the help of 4 adults. With more kids coming, he would like to get more adults to help so would appreciate anybody that would like to volunteer. There were 15 students who attended Impact from our church, along with 4 from Oakdale. One thing that has been a highlight in youth group is that the students have started a youth band! Pastor Pete shared that there were 9 men who attended the Men’s Retreat, it was good to have Michael Rupp and Kaleb Nelson among those that attended! It was m/s/c to accept the Youth budget the same as last year, $650 a month. Pastor Pete shared that Ryan Johnson and Kyle Oswald have been teaching the adult Sunday School class. He thought the Three C’s Event was well attended and thanked Mark Johnson for his devotion that night.

Deacon Report: The Deacon’s plan to meet with Larry Austin from the Central District on Thursday night at 6 p.m. to do a church assessment. There were 24 people who participated in the survey that they presented on a form in the bulletin a few weeks ago. They plan to have the same questions next year in order to be able to rate the “growth”. The Deacons have been touching base with some of the congregation through phone calls.

Library: Some ideas for the church library will be presented at the annual meeting. We have found that there are fewer and fewer people using libraries and an idea to possibly implement a Multimedia Library will be discussed. The Trustees will be included in this decision along with the members.

New Business: It was m/s/c to accept the Mission’s Budget from the Mission’s Committee. It was m/s/c to accept the ballot presented from the Nominating Committee. Pastor Andrew said he will be sending out an email to the congregation as to accept absentee votes at the Annual meeting.

It was m/s/c to have Scott Lovell and Eli Paulsrud audit the books prior to the annual meeting. Doug Goodburn suggested that we have a third-party audit sometime in December.

The salaries were discussed.

It was m/s/c to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes were taken by Karen Johnson (As Carey Ducommun was not able to attend.)

Board approved minutes on 4/26/2021