January 18, 2020 MEFC Board Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday January 18th, 2020. The meeting opened up in prayer by Pastor Pete Younker, he will do devotions next month.

Secretary’s Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. December 2020 minutes were m/s/c.

Treasurer’s Report: Marty Jenness gave the treasurer’s report. December’s total income was $42,694.01, with expenses of $29,827.12. The treasurer report was m/s/c.

Trustees’ Report: The audit report from Dawson and Burkhardt was available for board members to view. Overall, we had a great review, areas to work on in the future are making sure all income and expenses are appropriately categorized. The trustee board and Dessel’s have implemented a system and since this summer all items are categorized. To help facilitate this suggestion the trustee board will meet twice a month to review bills. At least 2 members must be present to approve bills. The meetings will take place the night of the regular board meeting and 2 weeks before this, this would be the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.

Grounds keeping was discussed, snow removal by SCE is going well. In the near future repairs will need to be made on the parsonage fascia, that blew off this summer. Mark thanked Doug Goodburn and acknowledged how much Steve Nelson had done in the past for the church in regard to the treasurer position. Mark also thanked Marty Jenness for stepping in and filling this role on our board.

Pastor Pete: Sunday school has started back up in person and is available on zoom. The 2:42 groups are meeting on their own comfort level; Pete held a training for leaders on Sunday the 17th. He appreciates prayers for future planning and has a heart for family discipleship. The youth has been greatly attended and they have started a youth band. “Pray that we would continue to carry out our mission statement.”

Pastor Andrew’s Report: Living in the Covid and political times regarding perspective was the topic of Andrew’s talk. Faith form, what do we base our faith on? Is it what we are watching on TV or reading in skewed media? “It’s ok to be scared”. We need to be careful who we listen to and take advice from, for example the media. Start from the very beginning-God. Is HE trustworthy? Do I trust him? Do I trust my spouse, then my family, can I trust my church friends? Hopefully your answers to these are yes. Then let’s not subject ourselves to websites and media. The state of the church is fragmented and weariness. The population in our church family attendance was at 117 this past Sunday with many new faces. People are seeking for more. He notes his counseling has gotten heavy in depth and more sessions. Please pray for the people in our church and our community.

Deacon Report:  Time of the annual meeting was changed to 5pm on March 21st, to avoid conflict with the Meriden Pancake Breakfast. We will discuss more on the format next month.

The deacons are still working on the visitation lists. The church assessment with Larry from the central district will be the Deacon Board only on Jan 25th. A lengthily discussion was held during the deacon meeting and then again in the general board meeting regarding the mask mandate. Scott Lovell is working on a letter to send to the congregation. Let the letter be received in love and grace.

Deaconess Report:  Nothing to report at this time. Pastor Andrew will let Jen Hart know when communion is scheduled.

Old Business:  The mission committee will need to review Brent and Anna Andersons giving.

Mark Johnson recommends the mission committee consider supporting Ginger Murphy in some aspect.

New Business:   The board along with the Library board are looking at ways to update the library with the changing times leaning towards online media rather than physical books. Mark assigned Pete as a chair of this committee to brainstorm ideas to bring back to the February meeting.

Pastor Andrew closed with prayer. Next meeting will be Monday Feb 15th.

Minutes taken by Carey Ducommun, Board Secretary

Jan Minutes were MEFC board approved on 2/21/21.