

MEFC BOARD MINUTES- MONDAY AUGUST 17th, 2020

Meeting started at 7:50pm, due to the insurance agent meeting with the trustees.

Devotions: Pete Younker delivered the devotion from the book of Revelation, 7 letters for 7 churches. Challenging the church not to be lukewarm, be either hot or cold.

We cannot be useful if we're lukewarm, we need to use our gifts. Pete encouraged us all to perform a self-analysis of ourselves, repent and decide how we use our spiritual gifts. Kyle will do devotions in September and he will let Mark know if he is unable.

Secretary's Minutes: July minutes were m/s/c

Treasurer's Report: July Income: \$21,739.1, July Expense: \$21,522.39. July books were m/s/c To be reimbursed or to turn in receipts or charges, look for the titled form near the trustees' box. Please complete the form as you wish to be reimbursed. For future reference, if the deaconess feels like they would need more than \$500/year notify the trustees and they will make arrangements.

Trustee's Report: The trustee board met tonight with the insurance agent, before the general board meeting started. Safety has been added as an option from the insurance carrier. Pete's income taxes etc. will be analyzed with the insurance agent and Dessel's regarding employee vs. contracted. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the Push Pay account, Pete will contact and find out how to get out of the contract. Online giving is the way of the future and is important. However, we need to find another company. Grass seed to the west is on the agenda for this fall.

Pastor Pete's Report: "Serving Jesus"

Camp Hope was successful, the youth worked on the Meriden Park, basketball hoops and paint. The city was asking if our church would like to partner with them for a few projects. 2:42 Leader meeting Thursday evening, Parent Meeting Sunday night at 7pm. Concerned about space issues and out growing the youth room without covid, then working on social distancing on Wednesday nights. His theme word of the year is "Flexible". Continue to pray for Kathy and Kaleb.

Pastor Andrew's Report: Last Sunday church attendance count was up to 80-90.

No covid infections throughout the wedding and funeral and weekly church.

Camp Zoey was a success! Pastor Andrew suggests doing something similar next summer.

Andrew and Pete are working on staff development. Kathy Nelson gave Andrew her formal resignation as church secretary. He would like to recognize her at a church service in September, if she is comfortable with this. Andrew will talk with her. Pastor Andrew and the deaconess will buy her a gift between \$200-250.

August 30th Communion is planned with a closed wafer and cup all in one.

An all church picnic is scheduled for Sept 20th at the Cleghorn Community Center.

Deacon Report: Prayed for Scott for healing. The Deacons are lining up Adult Sunday School this fall. Timeline for restarting small groups and possible restructuring. There is a 2:42 leader meeting Thursday. Larry Austin is from the Central District and “Church Health”, we will be having a zoom meeting for our church assessment. Working on updating the marriage policy, the Deacons and Pastor Andrew will work on this.

Deaconess Report: They will restart coffee when Sunday School starts in the fall. They are helping with the food for the church picnic.

Old Business: No discussion.

New Business:

Secretary position: Pastor Andrew is working on a new job description, we will table the replacement for a month or more, until Pastor Andrew and Pastor Pete evaluate the workflow and needs of an administrative position. The pros and cons of creating an outdoor trail around the church perimeter was discussed. Pastor Andrew suggested we all take time to walk around and see how it works. Possible trail name “In Memory of Steve”. This could be another opportunity for our church to connect with the town of Meriden.

Pastor Andrew and Pastor Pete partner with Stonebridge in Cedar Rapids and will be helping them meet the needs of their congregation since the storm damage.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 m/s/c

Pastor Andrew closes in prayer.

Recorded by Carey Ducommun, Board Secretary
Minutes approved by Board on 9/21/20.