

**University Mennonite Church Congregational Business Meeting
August 20, 2017**

Pending Congregational Approval

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Carolyn Brubaker, Hope Brubaker, Rodney Brubaker, Leland Glenna, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Carl Keener, Dale & Becky Kephart, Jean Landis, Fidele & Leah Lumeya, Jess & Paul McCormick, Rogers & Paulette McLane, Doug Miller, Fran Osseo-Asare, Jim Pierce, Esther Prins, Jim Prowant, Karen Rath, Eric Smith, Bethany Spicher Schonberg, Evelyn Stauffer, Vonda Yoder

Opening - Meeting began 11:03 am. Print-outs of the agenda and an attendance sheet was circulated. Print-outs of financial information were also available. Karen read Ephesians 4 to put the meeting in focus.

Approval of May 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Gloria Horst Rosenberger moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Leadership reports including 3rd Way Collective were presented. There were no questions or comments.

Voting was Conducted for the Pastoral Search Committee – Gloria indicated that if there is a tie we will have a runoff within the group so that the committee is finalized at the end of this meeting. Karen explained the voting procedure and read the instructions printed on the ballot. Doug and Gloria counted the ballots which included both those cast at the meeting and those given to Gloria prior to the meeting. The following persons were elected to the search committee:

Karl Bartsch, Leland Glenna, Marvin Hall, Fidele Lumeya, Jess McCormick, Ieva Perkons, Karen Rath (cong. chair), Kathleen Stehouwer, and Joel Weidner (elder). Karen will ask Kathleen to chair the committee. Karen also reminded the church to pray for the church during the search process and for the committee.

Budget Presentation and Discussion

- Jean Landis represented a proposal for Ten Thousand Villages of Central PA. This year the new 501(c)(3) will be responsible for all expenses and income. The proposed budget includes \$2,000 in support of the non-profit organization.
- The pastor's salary is adjusted assuming 3 months without a Pastor and increased outside speaker expenses.
- Fran reported that \$1,600 is budgeted for the Ghana Partnership. \$400 of that is a scholarship for a new seminary student who not yet identified. This is the same amount as last year.
- Rogers McLane motioned to accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Volunteer Position Updates

- Bethany stated that we are looking for a ½ time teacher for the older elementary students. It was also reported that parents of children are welcome to gently remind the children that, “We walk in Church.”
- Rogers and Paulette were added to Ghana Committee.
- Carolyn Brubaker asked if the volunteer list was available online. Karen will amend the list today with recent additions and get it to Joel to post on the website. Carolyn will also post a copy in the foyer.

Community Café - Karen Rath reported that there will be an upcoming Community Café Oct. 8 continuing the discussion started by Dave Mishler to discuss the pastoral search and the future of this church.

Committee Reports

- Gloria reported for the worship committee - There will be two outside speakers per month starting in January. In the report there are speakers listed and another list of potential speakers including members who were suggested by others. Please let Gloria know if you have speaker suggestions.
- Rodney reported for the fellowship committee – He reminded us of the picnic this Thursday and Camp Hebron September.

Adjournment and Close

Dale Kephart motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Rogers closed the meeting with “Bless Be the Tie That Binds.” Meeting concluded at 11:45 am.