

University Mennonite Church Business Meeting

May 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Pending Congregational Approval

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Mike Bratt, Carolyn Brubaker, Rodney Brubaker, Joyce & Marvin Hall, Kate Heinzl, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Rogers & Paulette McLane, Doug Miller, Fran & Osseo Osseo-Asare, Karen Rath, Jim Rosenberger, Joel Weidner, Meredith Wideman, Leah Witzig, Doug Yoder

Opening Devotions – Karen Rath opened with a reading from 1 Corinthians 12 and prayer.

Review and Approval of February 17 Meeting Minutes – Jim Rosenberger moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gifts Discernment of Volunteer Positions 2019-20

A vote on the elder position was conducted and Meredith Wideman was elected elder.

Karen Rath led a discussion around several church positions that still needed volunteers. Several additional volunteer positions were filled during the meeting. Karen asked for a motion to affirm the volunteers as listed. Leah Witzig moved that we affirm the volunteer positions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Post Meeting Note: Karen Rath emailed the church sharing list an updated list of church positions on Monday May 20. The list will also be posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Discussion

Jim Rosenberger presented the treasurer's report and current financial statements (the report and all statements are available on the web site). Jim reported that overall the church is in a solid financial position for this time of the year. A question was raised re: the restricted funds for 3WC. Jim reported that we have raised about 50% of the restricted funds needed (outside of our operating budget). Jim also noted that the advisory committee has not been as active in raising funds as perhaps they should be.

Jim reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income and Expense vs. Budget, Income and Expense by Class, and the 3rd Way Collective Financial Report. A question was raised re: if a contribution check with the designation of 3WC goes into the restricted fund category for the ministry. Jim confirmed that yes it does.

Jim then presented the proposed Budget 2019-2020 fiscal year that begins on September 1, 2019 (copy of proposed budget is on web site). A question was raised on funding for improvements to the sound system. Jim reported that he is still waiting on Hal Kunkel for estimates on cost.

A question was raised about purchasing the new hymnals that will be published in the near future. It was unclear on the exact publication date of the new hymnals. Jim recommended that a decision be postponed until more information is available. At that point the budget plan could be amended if the congregation decides to purchase new hymnals.

Jim did note that \$1,600 in support was being recommended for a Congo ministry. That amount was not in the presented copy of the budget, but the finance committee was recommending it be added.

Jim brought a motion from the finance committee to approve the budget as amended (with the additional \$1600 for the Congo ministry). The motion was seconded and carried.

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New Business

Gloria Horst Rosenberger noted that the old bathroom door is in the room behind the kitchen and three or four strong persons are needed to move it to the curb after the meeting.

Carolyn Brubaker mentioned that the building is being used more and more and everyone who uses the building for meetings is encouraged to let Carolyn know so all meeting dates can be added to the calendar and potential conflicts avoided.

Doug Miller acknowledged all the work that Karen has done as congregational chair for the past four years and as bulleting coordinator for many years. Those present thanked Karen for all her service and recognized her contributions with a hearty round of applause.

Closing Hymn – The group sang the first verse of #421 from HWB, Bless'd be the tie that binds

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Addendum

The following reports were not be presented at the meeting, but are on the web site:

- Pastor's Report – Kate Heinzl
- Campus Pastor's Report — Ben Wideman
- Chair's Report – Karen Rath
- Fellowship Committee Report – Elaine Mercer
- Ghana Partnership Committee Report — Fran Osseo-Asare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Weidner, Secretary