

SALFORD MENNONITE CHURCH  
CHURCH BOARD – Minutes  
March 3, 2020

**Members Present:** Darin Benner, Ron Freed, Chris Miller, Becca Nagy, Randy Nyce, Hannah Richter, Jane Ruth, Dean Wimmer, Margaret Zook

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Brad Alderfer, Maria Hosler Byler, Beth Yoder

1. **Devotions:** Jane Ruth led devotions for the board meeting. Jane Ruth shared the personal meaningfulness of the worship service over the past months. It has helped her get through some recent difficult times in her life. Jane does know how people cope with life without a faith community to belong to who support each other in everyday life.

Jane led the board in a time of prayer.

2. **Fiduciary:**

**February Minutes:** The February congregational board minutes were reviewed. **The minutes were approved as written.**

**Financials:**

- A. **Church January 2020 reconciled and February 2020 unreconciled income & expense reports and balance sheets** – The board reviewed the January reconciled and February unreconciled financials. Income for February 2020 is slightly behind February 2019. Expenses through February 2020 are significantly down from February 2019. **The board approved the January financials as presented.**
- B. **Child Care balance sheet** – The January Child Care balance sheet was reviewed.

3. **Discussion Items.**

- A. **Board sub-committees:** Board subcommittee assignments were handed out. The board will take 15 minute in subcommittee time at the start of the next board meeting.
- B. **Foundation Fund Request:** A Foundation Fund request was received from MHEP to fund youth prizes for their annual Whack and Roll tournaments. The board finance subcommittee reviewed the request and while a worthy cause, they feel it does not fit the criteria as a one time or new initiative for local mission, as a recurring fundraiser. **The board concurred and declined to fund this project through the Foundation Fund.**
- C. **Welcoming Conversation:** The board took a majority of the board meeting to discuss the present welcoming statement, and the ambiguity, challenges and opportunity it presents. The Pastors are seeking clarity on the extent of our welcome and what it means for their pastoral roles. Beth and Maria brought resources on conversations and information on what is happening in the broader church and other congregations. MCUSA is presently reviewing membership guidelines and a working group has recommended retiring the present membership guidelines. The Constituencies Leaders Council of MCUSA will review this recommendation and make a further recommendation to the MCUSA Executive Board. Beth and Maria presented an outlines of questions and thoughts they have for the board for conversation and recommendation. Members have approached the leadership team to inquire and further understand what our

present welcome statement specifically means. In view of all these considerations the board affirmed moving forward in developing a survey to define present attitudes in the congregation on fully defined welcome. The Ministries & Congregational Life board subcommittee will work with the Leadership Staff Team on a process and potential survey questions around fully defined welcoming for review at the next board meeting.

**4. Reports/Updates:**

A. **Pastor's Report:** No discussion on the Pastors report this evening.

B. **SMCCC Minutes:** Nothing to note from the SMCCC minutes this evening.

**5. Other Business:** None

**6. Closing Prayer:** Jane Ruth closed in prayer.

**7. Executive Session:** The board met in a time of executive session following the regular board meeting.

Respectfully recorded by Brad Alderfer

Next Meeting: April 7, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.