**August 6, 2018 MEFC Board Minutes**

The MEFC regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, August 6, 2018, with 13 members present. The meeting was opened in prayer, led by Jason Farver.

Prior to the meeting, Christy Alquist presented an option for church members/workers to order pullovers and polo shirts with the MEFC logo through Darrens Clothing in Cherokee. No minimum quantity would be required. Individuals could order their items during a certain time frame and Darrens would place one bulk order. Possibly AWANA leaders who wished to order a new shirt in the coordinating color for their AWANA group would have this option, and anyone in the church that would like a shirt with the church logo could order during this time designated for placing orders. Christy asked the board for permission to use the MEFC logo. It was m/s/c that she could do so for these clothing items. Christy and Jen Hart will be in charge of facilitating this project in the near future.

Devotions were given by Jason Farver. His reading was titled, "What are you looking at; be not wise in your own eyes."

The Secretary's Minutes of the July 2nd meeting were reviewed. It was m/s/c to accept minutes as written.

The September board meeting will be September 10th due to the Labor Day holiday. Nathan Bush will give devotions at the September meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was given by Doug Goodburn. July total income was $17,253.92. Total July expenses were $31,364.33. The general fund balance is $7,476.76. It was m/s/c to approve treasurer’s report.

Trustee’s Report: Saturday August 18th will be a church workday, possibly also taking care of any painting and patching that needs attention in the parsonage. It is anticipated that the cement patio that needs to be removed outside the parsonage will be removed in the near future and new cement poured. The side door to the church kitchen will remained locked, with a key available for those who need to enter through this door. Pat Johansen is looking at the possibility of covering the planter on the west foyer with a cover board and setting plants or other items on the top.

Benson Construction’s estimate for work on the parsonage came in at $13,525. This is labor for removal of existing siding and windows, installation of new windows supplied by owner, installation of new soffit and fascia, LP siding and exterior trims. Trustees are still waiting on a bid from Mogensen Construction. It was m/s/c that the trustees should proceed with whoever has the lower bid, rather than waiting on next month’s meeting to discuss the bids again. Benson Construction had stated it would be possibly late September before they could begin work on this project.

Water will remain shut off at the parsonage. Pastor Pete checks on the parsonage from time to time. It was mentioned that the lawn mowing at church grounds has always looked clean and neat this summer.

Pastor Pete Report: 1 to 1 Bible reading is wrapping up. There will be an Area 56 event on August 15th. 2:42 leader training and planning continues. Pastor Pete has held 1 on 1’s with students and adults for discipleship and encouragement, made a home visit with Dick Anderson, as well as fall planning for Sunday School, new church software and guest follow up process with Kathy and 2:42 leaders. Youth also went to an elderly woman’s home recently to clear her yard. Prayer needs include unity for our church and our church body moving forward in the transition toward finding an interim pastor.

The church van has been loaned to both the Oakdale and Albert City churches. A thank you note was read from the Albert City church, including a $400 gift to MEFC.

Deacon Report: The deacons have met with IPM concerning a possible candidate for interim pastor. Deacons will also be meeting with Andrew Mahony on August 19th for a “get to know you meeting.” Guest ministers have been arranged to speak at Sunday services through September 2nd. Small group kickoff will possibly be September 9th. Jean Jean and Kristie Mompremier plan to be at the church picnic Sunday, August 12th at 4pm. The deacons continue to work on Sunday School options and are planning an August 9th Christian Education meeting. Deacons continue with visitation of members. The church constitution is in the process of being reviewed.

Deaconess Report: Set up for the church picnic this Sunday will begin at 3:00 and help would be appreciated. They are currently trying to locate the water balloon sling shot if anyone knows where it has been stored. AWANA has a need for more men to be helpers. A church communion service could possibly be held every 6 weeks, assuming the guest speaker would be willing to do this.

Old Business: none

New Business: The church secretary will be asked to email a reminder about the church workday Saturday August 18th, starting at 9:00 am.

MOPS/Embrace has been dismantled but there is still a balance of $397 showing in their account. This money is not a part of the church funds, and the previous Embrace coordinators will be reminded they can distribute the remaining funds as they deem appropriate.

The church uses the ESV Bible translation, and the suggestion was made that overheads of scripture readings use this version so the congregation and speaker are all reading the same text.

It was m/s/c to adjourn the meeting. Steve Nelson closed in prayer.