**May 6, 2019 MEFC Board Meeting Minutes**

The MEFC regular monthly board meeting was held Monday, May 6, 2019 with 12 members present.

The meeting was opened in prayer, led by Pastor Pete.

The Secretary's Minutes from the April board meeting were reviewed. It was m/s/c to approve the minutes after two corrections were made.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Doug Goodburn. Total April income was $32,042.16. Total April expenses were $27,016.63. General fund balance was $41,854.10. It was m/s/c to approve this report.

The Trustee's Report was given by Tim Petersen. April work day was well attended. New flooring has been installed in the church basement in the former nursery area. Nelsons's Electric will be coming to check on the parsonage light problem. Bids for parsonage carpet from Marcus Lumber and Moeller's both came in very close. Carpet of choice at the discretion of the Mahoney family will be purchased from either business. Carpet cost will be approximately $4600. Dirtwork around the parsonage foundation will be done within the next few weeks.

A question has been brought to trustees regarding the possibility of installing a child safety gate at the stairway entrances. After discussion, it was felt the gates would have the potential to cause other problems and installing a gate would not be a good idea.

Scott Lovell asked if the church could use rock/gravel that will need to be hauled away from his workplace in the near future and it was agreed the gravel could be used at the church.

Pastor Andrew's Report included recent Sunday attendance, pastor visits made, and participation in small groups. "Rise" Ministry had good attendance and staff development continues. "The Standing Tall" series will continue through June. Pastor Andrew and Pastor Caldwell of Oakdale Church have been looking into the possibility of reestablishing ties between the two churches and community. Pastor Andrew will be on leave May 26, with Pastor Pete preaching in his absense. Communion Service will be June 9. Pastor Andrew will be attending the EFCA One Conference June 18-20 and is looking for another church delegate from our congregation to attend with him. The conference will include a vote on changing the wording in article IX of the Statement of Faith. Air Force Schooling will be 42 days in the late summer/early fall or next spring.

Pastor Pete's Report included reporting on the series the youth group is currently completing. Youth Easter Breakfast fundraiser raised $1313 toward their summer mission trip. The youth group is planning local mission work the week of July 7 - 12. Silver Sioux Lodge has been reserved for the youth group and the group will be delivering Mobile Meals July 7th. He hopes to get more people from the church involved in a multigenerational effort in sharing the love of Christ in our area. Two classes are currently being held in Adult Sunday School. Bible Instruction Course Class for the spring has been completed. An update on live streaming equipment for church services was given, with the recommended camera purchase totaling $2200. It was m/s/c to proceed with this purchase. Discussion was held on the possible need for signs to welcome visitors and give directions to nursery, restrooms, etc. Greeters at both doors are also an important first line in welcoming visitors. Security in the nursery area was discussed. A possible check in system, registering each child and printing name stickers for the child and their supplies could be purchased at a cost of $493.14. Nursery workers would need to be trained in using this system. A decision on this system was tabled until next month.

Deacon Report was given by Mark Johnson. This summer the Sunday School format of a round table discussion with multiple generations at each table is being planned. This would include ages of 7th grade and up. Scott Lovell's small group will be conducting one nursing home service. Marriage Night will be Friday, May 17. The deacons are helping Pastor Andrew with contacting people. Work is taking place on developing our Mission and Vision Statement: "We exist to glorify God by making and maturing believers of Jesus Christ." The three month evaluation for Pastor Andrew has been completed.

Deaconess Report was given by Linda Grauer in the absense of deaconess, Jen Hart. Redecorating and security measures for the nursery are being worked on. Flowers have been ordered for all women in church on Mother's Day. "Rise" women's study has been a success and will continue this summer.

Old Business: none

New Business: Church security discussion continues. Kent Schmillen will be resigning from the board as a trustee due to moving. Kent was thanked for his many years of service. Board members gathered around Kent and prayed for both Kent and Kathy as they move into a new community and find another church home.

It was m/s/c to adjourn the meeting.

Pastor Andrew closed in prayer.

Devotions for the June Board Meeting will be given by Eli Paulsrud.

Minutes recorded by Linda Grauer, Board Secretary