June 3, 2019 MEFC Board Meeting Minutes:

The MEFC regular monthly board meeting was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 with 10 members present. (Karen Johnson took notes for Linda Grauer and Scott Lovell led the meeting for Mark Johnson as Linda and Mark were absent.)

The meeting was opened in prayer, led by Kyle Oswald. Devotions were given by Eli Paulsrud.

The Secretary’s Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. It was m/s/c to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Doug Goodburn. Total May income was $24,484.45. Total May expenses were $27,031.15. General fund balance was $$44,052.17. It was m/s/c to approve this report.

The Trustee’s Report was given. There was some discussion on what they should do about the open Trustee position since Kent Schmillen will be moving. They thought they would discuss it again next month, hopefully when there are more trustee’s in attendance. It was suggested that they could look at the list of who were called by the Nominating Committee and see if any of those would re-consider, or see if they could get by until the next Annual meeting. Either way, they felt that the congregation should be informed of the decision.

Pastor Pete’s Report informed us that the Marriage Night went well with about 32 in attendance. Pastor Pete thanked Scott and Bruce for teaching the Adult classes this spring. He felt that the first Sunday of the Multigeneration Sunday School went well and was well attended. He said that the Youth Family BBQ was a great time of food and fellowship and looking back over what we learned and ahead to the summer schedule. The Summer Mission’s trip will be in the area and he hopes to get more people from Church involved. He would like to have church people host the youth for the evening meals during the week of July 7th – July 12th. Please pray for us to be great commission people in our own sphere of influence and pray for the

Biblical Foundation’s Summer Sunday School class and the Summer Mission Trip.

Pastor Andrew’s Report shared that the church service attendance has been fluctuating. He said the Memorial Day service which was held inside, due to the weather, had about 50 in attendance and he enjoyed it and it was an honor. Pastor shared that he will be attending the EFCA conference June 18-20. The next Communion Sunday will be June 9th. He will probably be attending the Air Force Schooling in the late summer/early fall. He said that he has been here six months now and feels more comfortable each day. He is very appreciative to be here, and said as we lay the foundation for our ministry together to buckle up because it is gong to be a fun ride!

The Deacon Report shared that they are working on policies and procedures on many items so that Pastor Andrew has some guidelines to reference when different situations arise. They feel that they have developed a good Mission’s Statement and that they plan to work on Vision and Values.

The Deaconess Report was given by Jen Hart. They would like to refresh the nursery. Lisa Ducummon has offered to pay a gal to paint it, if they can purchase the paint. The church picnic is being planned for August 18th at the Cleghorn Community Center. They also would like to gather items and make some “New Mom Baskets” to have on hand to give to new Moms. It was mentioned that they should maybe provide a “Deaconess Budget” and present it in the future and they could possibly set a certain amount for them to spend without asking permission for each item that they want to spend on. But for now, it was m/s/c for them to spend up to $500 on the Mom’s Basket’s, which would be enough for them to use for a long time.

Old Business Pastor Andrew shared that the electrical issues have continued and that can’t seem to get to the bottom of it. Scott Lovell volunteered to talk to Rick Nelson to see what the problem entails and why they aren’t coming up with a solution. Another branch from the tree that had a big branch fall on the parsonage, has fallen the other direction. Eli Paulsrud volunteered to contact Keith Wells to have that tree taken care of.

New Business Pastor encouraged all of us to continue to use the Name tags as he had mentioned in his sermon last Sunday. He feels it is necessary so that we can help others get to know us, and help make the visitors feel welcomed. Scott encouraged all of us to greet new people! It was also mentioned to save time, why can’t we each read the minutes on our own and not have them read aloud. It was decided to try this at the next meeting, allow a short time for all to read, or they can read the minutes when it is emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. Pastor Pete presented a Nursery Check in System that would cost approximately $500. It would be used to give the nursery kids name tags, and also on the name tag would be any allergies that the child might have. This would possibly require having two adults each Sunday, one to check in and one to assist in the nursery with the children. Pastor Pete would train those that would volunteer on the use of this system. He also said that this system could be used in Awana and in Youth Group. There was a great deal of conversation on this. Some were concerned with the problem of already finding people to cover the nursery and with this in place, we would have to have more people volunteer. It was mentioned that this should be presented to Dawn Jenness and LeighAnne Oswald as they are in charge of getting nursery workers. It was decided to continue the discussion next month, Jen Hart volunteered to discuss this with Dawn and LeighAnne. Pastor Pete then informed us that the Background Check that we did in the past needs to “re-screen”. This will require about $456 to do this. It was decided to go ahead with this as it was already approved when we did it before. There will be some people that will need to be added to the background checks.

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

Scott Lovell closed in prayer.

Doug Goodburn will do devotions at the July meeting.

Minutes were recorded by Karen Johnson.