

July 15, 2015

**Present:** Sam Bixler, Jay Brubaker, Bob Love, Cheryl Martin, Jim Martin, Ruth Penner, Carl Rhine, Phil Shenk, Linda Showalter

Pastors Dagne Assefa and Brian Bither were not in attendance due to the agenda item dealing with the transitional pastor.

Carl Rhine opened the meeting with appreciation expressed for our pastors and their leadership, followed by prayer.

**Discernment Ministry** - Sam Bixler reported on the status of discerning chairs for the new church year. All chairs are in place except Buildings & Grounds and a new Moderator. Children Youth and Nurture will be led by a group this year; Ruth Penner is willing to meet with them to pass on information.

With agreement to the pastor/elder team recommendation, Council asked Sam to work with the Gifts Discernment Committee to seek a new moderator for a three year term as a first step.

Council also recommended three names for the *acting moderator* to contact for the Gifts Discernment Ministry. Carl will contact (in order) to determine interest. This position is replacing the out-going member (Sam) and this year is designated by Church Council.

**Transitional Pastor:** Council recommends that Shalom find a transitional pastor. Carl will contact Doug Kauffman from IN-MI Conference for guidance on how to proceed after his return from vacation on July 28<sup>th</sup>. A congregational vote to finalize the decision for/against a transitional pastor will be taken at the beginning of the Sunday School hour on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council looked at the pages of the Gifts Survey they are responsible for. A few changes were made; Carl will contact Sam.

Ruth Penner shared her understanding of Creation Care and Building & Grounds maintenance issues. *Creation Care* is involved in the ecological side of our campus (i.e. cleaning out the woods, creating habitat for pollinators and animals, making a place for us and the community to enjoy). *Landscaping* involves keeping the flower beds neat and updated. It would be helpful to know of persons who would be willing to help with either of these tasks.

Creation Care has money in a Landscape Grant line in out-of-budget funds. Flowerbed landscaping can be budgeted for under Buildings & Grounds Landscape line item.

**Treasurer** - Bob Love

- Budgeted spending: \$100,646; Actual spending: \$91,818; Offerings: \$104,272.

## **Pastor Elder Team - Cheryl Martin**

- The PET is working on issues related to the transition of Dagne's retirement. They also are looking ahead to plan how to be most helpful to Dagne in the next 6 months.

## **Ministry Reports:**

### **Adult Education - Jay Brubaker**

- More "Food and Faith" participants are needed for August Sunday School hours.
- Two classes are tentatively planned for the fall: a book study of "Slow Church", and a sermon discussion class.
- Note: the ministry is willing to share adult Sunday School hour time, but it is helpful to have as much fore-planning as possible for teachers to plan accordingly.

### **Buildings & Grounds - nothing to report**

### **Children and Youth Nurture - Ruth Penner**

- The Shine curriculum is a little difficult to use with the ages and attendance of our children.

### **Fellowship - Jim Martin**

- The Carry-in on the 19th will include a farewell to Thengsu.
- August 30 - Pizza for Peace

### **Outreach/Welcoming -**

- The networkers and connectors had their respective meetings. The ministry is waiting to see if there will be 3 households signed up for the two groups by the end of July.

### **Worship - Linda Showalter - Nothing to report.**

### **Other**

- Ministries are encouraged to look at the job descriptions for their particular ministry as found in the Handbook and make note of changes that need to be made. This review may be an agenda item for Council this next year (fall, 2015).

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7 - 9 pm