

**ASSEMBLY MENNONITE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**APRIL 28, 2019**

**Minute-taker: Jeannette Hughes**

**Facilitator: Karl Shelly**

**\*Building Update—Lora Nafziger**

- New hearing aid technology will be installed so people can use their hearing aids instead of other devices to listen to the service.
- The new worship space will be carpeted, and the gathering space will be tiled all of which will be laid this upcoming week.
- Next Sunday, we will plant 28 trees on Assembly's property during first hour. Individuals and small groups have been invited to sponsor a tree.
- Excavators continue to work in the green space in the parking lot (tree prep), memorial garden area and the playground.
- Chairs for the new space will be delivered May 9—people are needed that morning to help unload and set them up.
- Bathroom plumbing is being connected.
- We are waiting on 3-hour fireproof doors to be installed isolating the new construction area from the old because the new area has sprinklers, while the old portion does not.
- The goal is to move in to the new worship space by May 12.
- The 3 individual bathrooms in the new construction area are gender-neutral.

**Comment:** Kids need indoor space to play, as well as during breaks, etc.

**Question:** Has Faith decided which space it will use?

**Lora:** Faith will worship in the other space as well.

**\*MYF Sponsors**

- Daniel and Ally Mast are finishing up their term. Phil and Marlys Weaver-Stoesz joined them last fall—new MYF sponsors will join Phil and Marlys.
- The search committee is interviewing people next week—hope to have names at next leadership group meeting.
- Daniel and Ally will continue through an MYF trip to the Indiana Dunes in July.

**\*Rose Stutzman—pastor emeritus designation (first reading of proposal)**

- It is being proposed that Lois Kaufmann and Mary Lehman Yoder be designated as pastor emeriti
- They would be available to help when needed, etc.

**Question:** Can members of the congregation ask pastor emeriti to do particular tasks?

**Rose:** No—it would have to go through the pastoral team.

**Question:** Could someone ask the pastoral team to ask a pastor emeritus to do something?

**Lora:** Anyone in the congregation can ask any pastor anything.

**Question:** Would they receive money for their services?

**Karl Shelly:** This is not a call to hire them. A stipend for a funeral or a wedding would be possible, however. This proposal does not affect Assembly's budget.

\*Second reading of audio-video policy—James Stuckey Weber

–A group of people has been processing this, and it has heard that some people at Assembly want more of the worship to be shared—however, personal sharing would be a problem

–We decided to stick with recommending that just the sermon be shared

–We don't have a license to post streaming licensed music on our website

**Question:** How is the decision made regarding not recording stuff before the sermon?

**James:** That would add to the time of posting—also, music is copyrighted.

**Comment:** I have been a consumer of the Assembly website for the past two years while abroad—there's something missing when you only get the sermon

**Question:** Is it OK to livestream funerals, weddings, etc.?

**James:** As far as special events go, we don't have the equipment to do a livestream well.

**Marshall King:** There have been some glitches caused by livestreaming.

**Question:** How is Naomi Roots involved with file (audio, video) management?

**James:** Minimal.

**Comment** Would like conversation to continue and adopt what we have.

***At the end of this discussion there was affirmation to pass this proposal with continued conversation.***

***\*\*\*It passed with all 4's and 5's\*\*\****

\*Change of address—Lora Nafziger

–Assembly's new address will be 727 New York St. Goshen, IN 46526