

## **BMC Church Council Minutes, 9 January 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Randy Spaulding, Barry Janzen, Becky Neumann, Paul Classen, Ezra Tice, Susan Graber, Bruce Wheeler, Bruce Fast

Barry started with a reflection on the start of Anabaptism and their “re-baptisms” and regenerations.”

### **Treasurer**

Income/expense report is posted on our website (requires password). Bruce sent balance sheet and income. We finished the year ok.

We got a check for \$815 from the Maurice Miller Memorial Fund. Undesignated? In the Donations line now. Randy will ask Carole if she knows if the Millers wanted it designated.

Also three big checks (totaling \$2,500) from Everence for several outward ministries, Habitat, Open Roads, Ingrid, and EFAA. Paul thinks some should go to the Emergency Fund, and some to the four organizations. Paul Classen got these, as he has for several years.

Bruce thinks we do not need the bulletin announcement about the budget at this time.

### **Pastor**

End of year is busy, but went well. Good attendance at Christmas Eve. We’ve had some visitors, including the family of Menno from Tanzania. Randy will be in Sarasota Jan 22- 29 for his friend’s funeral. Barry Bartel will preach on Jan 26. On Feb 4 he is scheduled for a brain surgery to help deal with his throat pain. He’s scheduled Ezra to preach on 2/9, and Terry Zimmerly (from Glennon Heights) on 2/16. He’ll share it with the congregation soon.

Amy Zimbleman asked if we would be interested in a seminary intern from AMBS this summer. Conference had one last year, and it was well received. Randy will not be taking a sabbatical this year, so it would work for him. We would need to find housing for the student, and help pay for food expenses for the host family. Don’t expect a stipend, but most churches do give something, around \$4,000 – conference can help with that, even if we can only contribute \$500. Last time we said yes, but no students wanted to come. Maybe the intern could travel to MennoCon with Randy. We

Barry says that services have been a joy lately and appreciates Randy’s work on them.

### **Saavedras**

Yorger is exploring a commercial driving program (taught in Spanish, but final test in English) at AIMS in Fort Lupton. But, he needs a commercial drivers permit in the next two weeks. He got the DOT medical exam. He’d start in Feb, with weekend classes. He’s frustrated with not being able to work! Villimar loves her job cleaning dorms at CU. Once she is a permanent employee, she would be able to get insurance.

Richard and Delana (original sponsors for the Saavedras) talked with the immigration lawyer, who felt that they should not be caught up in any sweeps, and if so, the lawyer felt confident he could get them out.

We think the Saavedras are plugged into the news and understand the political situation here. Indigenous Issues

Waiting to hear from Supreme Court whether they will take the case about Apache Stronghold land; they are fighting it on religious grounds. Despite constitutional rights or possible court decision, the land may be taken for national security reasons. Bruce W has some investment in one of the mining companies, so he could perhaps have an influence.

Bruce F will send a \$500 check to the coalition. We have \$2,000 to spend this year, and some left over from last year. Bruce W will ask Kat what supplies are needed. Guest speakers might come up. We plan to do the scholarship again next school year (this is a separate \$1,000 set aside). Youth will be starting to look for a project, so perhaps they could help with the comfort kits. Randy is looking for a project for them. Bruce W will be going to TX to see family at some point, and could perhaps drop the kits off in OK. He thinks repeat of the kits would be a good thing. Would be good for the youth to start on the notes like they did last time.

### **Deacons**

Nothing to report.

### **PCRC**

Nothing new to report. Barry will contact the nominating team, Carole and Judy, to ask them to try to find another member to join Ezra and Becky N.

### **Admin**

Cheri, Jen, and Susan are sharing the work. Ivanna's father's house may have burned in the CA fires.

Randy closed with a prayer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thurs, 2/13, 5:00, BMC/Zoom