

10 April 2025 Church Council meeting

Ezra Tice, Bruce Wheeler (Zoom), Barry Jantzen, Pastor Randy Spaulding, Paul Classen (Zoom), Ivanna (Zoom)

Barry opened us with a discussion about peace and music with the thought/question on how, as a musician are you able or willing to contribute to times like these? You feel like you should go out and do something loud; however, making music is doing something, even if it isn't loud. He considered earth song and how it can be tied into 1 Samuel 16:20

Paul Classen mentioned that his KS receipt today said that his benefits were going to BMC, and a brief discussion ensued about how others, at BMC, who may not be signed up might be able to do so. Barry will create a QR code, so that people can scan it and sign up

Paul Classen wondered about financial contributions being behind on the budget. Ivanna mentioned that this week's offerings were a little under 4k.

Talked a bit about Hands Off protest, the next one is scheduled for 19 April. Barry suggested that we connect with First Menno regarding meeting up here for that

Paul was in charge of finding a retreat place for this year, and Jen Dudenhefer has said that she would be willing and able to help out with that.

Barry appreciates the work of the deacons and how they hunt down the newbies and guests and try and get their information and to connect with them.

Steve Voran is putting up the speakers on the deck, while the meeting was taking place.

Assembly this year is in Glenwood Springs, and BMC was asked to host it next year (2026) at BMC in 2026. Ivanna thinks it's a good idea as does Paul Classen, a task force would have to be created as a liaison between the Conference and the church, a small group of people would need to commit to doing this.

Randy's only concern is if we will have space down in the basement, if we still have a family there.

Ivanna says we now have more room than we did with the balcony and deck. Randy will take it back to Amy and say there is a tentative yes

Randy had lunch with Everence representative, Dennis LeFevre. They collaborated on ideas on how to make better use of our space. Sacred spaces, a pamphlet about other churches that have made better use of their space is what Dennis recommended. He will send out the pamphlet with some ideas of other ways we could use the space.

Pastor Randy will be away the first two weekends in May, first in Philly for the CLC, and then from the 7-11, in Wichita.

Nearabout fathers day he will be going to Indiana to visit with his family he will be doing a yard sale with his mother's belongings.

2nd week of July will be at MennoCon

Palm Sunday is this Sunday, there will be a Maundy Thursday service, then Easter.

Bruce Wheeler spoke a bit about the Haven Project care kits, youth has finished about 50 care cards. The plan is to have the car loaded with these on the 11th, so that they can be dropped off, Randy will make sure that by then there are 60 care kits. He wants to have a few bags on the 27th to be blessed, before he leaves at the beginning of May.

Randy closed the meeting with prayer.