

2025 - Fall/September BMC Council meeting

Attendees: Bruce Fast, Barry Jantzen, Tony Diaz, Pastor Randy Spaulding, Ivanna Johnson (Zoom)

Barry opened us with Mennonite Community Bible (that is free on your phone; it does daily devotions) Thinking of Evergreen, Charlie Kirk etc.: Genesis 1, when God began to create the heaven and the earth it was without form..was thinking about this, while watching CBS Morning, and saw Mike Tice on CBS speaking on Mars...He (Barry) reached out to Mike, who was unaware that he was on CBS - it made him think of Mars, and Mike Tice's work and the work of our universe and how insignificant we are and how little we understand of the universe. But we believe God is still in control and will take care of us.

Financials - it's not remarkable, the maintenance category is overspent, because we've recently done the painting, which was the whole maintenance budget. There was some money sent to us from the Maurice Miller estate (\$915) to be used for landscaping or hardscaping, we used the money for many outdoor projects that actually exceeded the \$915 sent to us. Now, Marilyn his asking for the money because she is ready to order a bench, so we will be sending that money back to her for that purpose.

Deacons: Service learning project is coming up as is the ice cream social.

PCRC - Randy encouraged PCRC to only send it to active participants. If you want something to be actionable, it shouldn't be anonymous.

Randy's letter to the congregation came when he did because the church where he is candidating at, is going to make the announcement his weekend, so he sent it out because the and wanted to get in front of it, and didn't want our congregation caught off guard by the announcement not coming from him. If the candidating goes well and it is a good fit form him and his family, e is happy that he will be staying in this Conference. He really loves this conference and wants to stay in this conference.

Toni had a dream that Pastor Randy would be going to First Menno. First Menno is, infact, where he will be candidating.

Barry asked: How do we use this as a way of rethinking things that we haven't been doing, how to we do this more efficiently as a community. This will be an opportunity for BMC to think creatively of what it looks like going forward. Pastor Randy says he's happy to help with that process - referring to the future of this congregation. If that means starting task forces, if that means introducing things in small group, he's willing to pitch in and help. Don't limit the possibilities of what this church can be, it's time to start thinking creatively about what the future of BMC looks like.

On Sunday, Pastor Randy will send the letter to the active participants in the congregation, and during the announcement time, he will announce that he is candidating at FMC, and will send the letter out, aftewards.

The general consensus is that Randy will be sorely missed, and it's going to be a struggle without him, and that we want to make sure he is acknowledged for his talents and contributions to whatever congregation he serves. Both Toni and Barry will offer prayers in support of him, during the service on Sunday.