

Consistory Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2024

Present: Pastor Nat, Donald Adams, Mark Atterbury, Kendel Weber, Doug Goering, Gary Hartgerink, Dan Rice, Bruce Docter, Shawn Gouldin, Randy Sieck, Keith TenHulzen, Brett Wieskamp, Brandon Oltman, Brandon Cramer

Nat provided devotionals and an opening prayer to start the meeting

Cody Blocker gave an intro for Safety and Security

- Have written intentions and policies
- Talk to local law enforcement about your plans
- Talk to insurance carriers
- Implement

Levels of church security

- Check in / check out
- Non-lethal security detail
- Armed security detail

A proposal of what he could offer in for setting up the program and training that would be offered was presented

The minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting was put up for approval. Moved, support, and vote passed  
The minutes from the June 11, 2024, meeting was put up for approval. Moved, support, and vote passed

The July/August calendar was reviewed. Moved, support, and vote passed

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and discussion was given. Moved, support, and vote passed

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 30 to 40 kids will spend the night at church. The church will provide a meal for the group

Dan gave an update on the movement to EFCA

- Minutes of the meeting between the RCA and EFCA were reviewed
- Letter of acceptance was presented
- The following motion was made:
  - The consistory of the Firth Reformed Church located in Firth Nebraska hereby move that: The Firth Reformed Church gracefully withdraws its membership from the Reformed Church of America and joins the Evangelical Free Church of America.

This denominational change is in response to the changes in theology that some of the churches in the Reformed Church of America have Adopted. The Evangelical Free Church of America better aligns with the historical beliefs that the Firth Reformed Church has held over the last 30 years. Moved, supported, and passed by unanimous vote

Motion to support, and vote passed to adjourn this meeting portion.

The circle of prayer was held splitting into Elder's and Deacon's meetings.

Elders Meeting:

- Talked about the proposal by the mission team and what they think they would like to be done. We talked about what the church should support. Will continue to work with the mission group to come to an agreement
- Donald gave an update on the music ministries
- Talked about the Men's Ministries.

## Deacons Meeting:

### **Facility Needs:**

- Handrails for the stage getting a quote– (Randy Sieck)
- Roof Leak in Gym - (Brett update)
  - Brett will get two quotes to repair the Roof leak properly.

### **Parsonage:**

- Water filters for the RO system – Keith has three options of prices ranging from \$1400 to \$500
- Window well grate over the top – Brandon Oltman is getting a quote
- Backyard Fence – Brandon Oltman is pricing a fence panel.

### **Sanctuary:**

Cross removed for a lighting upgrade.

### **Any old business:**

### **New Business:**

#### **Banking:**

Call Farmers Merchant Bank to see if a Saving Account can be opened for the Branson Fund

Ask Farmers Merchant Bank for a Credit Card for the church

FYI: Planning Center cost is rising from \$48 to \$52 per month

### **Home School CO-OP**

- Shawn spoke with Christy. They are looking at 36 kids from preschool to who are 14 years old.
  - Would like a quote to use the facility. Gym, and 5 classrooms if possible.
  - Usage would be every Friday from 9:30 – 3:30.
  - They have their own insurance
  - **Deacons decided to offer the Gym for \$75 and the additional classrooms at an additional \$50 per usage.**

### **Technology:**

#### **Approved Purchases for June 2024:**

Deacons approved for the remaining White Earth Fund to be moved to the **Memorial Fund**.

\$600 for Cross lighting update – **Memorial Fund**.

\$10,000 to repay anonymous Donor from Building fund donations – **Building Fund**.



Nat Crawford President of the Consistory



Doug Goering, Clerk of the Consistory