

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
FALL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM
NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

- I. ATTENDANCE:** Approximately 55 persons
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator Melinda Carlson @ 11:40 am
- III. DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER:** Led by Bernetta Kile.
- IV. AGENDA:** The proposed agenda, as published in the Forum Booklet, was approved.
- V. MINUTES:** The minutes for the Forum of April 19, 2015 were approved as presented.

VI. CONGREGATIONAL CALL AND AFFIRMATION:

After all members present were given a copy of the proposed slate for positions within the Church structure, they were instructed to make the following changes to the printed slate: Remove Anita Jacobs from the listing for Fellowship Team. Add Jackie LeGrand to the listing for CDC. Add Anita Jacobs to the listing for Gifts Discernment. Remove Sheryl Leaman from the listing for District Conference Delegates.

After the votes were tabulated, it was announced that an overwhelming majority of the members had affirmed the slate as amended by the above paragraph.

Moderator Carlson and Pastor Don expressed their appreciation to the Gifts Discernment Team for the difficult yet successful task of providing a complete slate of volunteers.

VII. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS:

Roy Rollman presented a “first reading” of five proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws relative to Congregational structure. A printed copy of the proposed changes, dated 4/22/2015, is included in the Forum Booklet.

VIII. 2016 FINANCIAL PLAN:

Sheryl Leaman presented the 2016 Proposed Financial Plan as printed in the Forum Booklet. It was noted that a balanced budget of approximately \$ 318,000 has been achieved because the Ministry Teams have reduced their proposed spending and the income has been increased to reflect the use of \$ 7,200 from current assets (off-budget gifts) that currently total approximately \$ 365,000.

In response to a question relative to how income is projected, Sheryl noted it is based on historic giving adjusted of specific influences anticipated by the Leadership Team.

After Sheryl requested the 2016 Financial Plan be approved, the Congregation did approve the plan with only one (1) opposing vote.

IX. TEAM REPORTS:

A. Leadership- The printed report was corrected to reflect:

1. There were 3 TVs installed: Lamplighters SS room, Youth SS room and the Lounge. They were obtained from designated gifts.
2. U Tube was changed to read YouTube.
3. Relative to a question concerning parental control over the YouTube site, it was stated that the Church will only use YouTube to disseminate information about our congregation. It will be a “controlled site”.

B. Pastor's - As printed in the Booklet.

C. Worship - Printed report expanded to note the following:

1. Our Query relative to a "New Brethren Hymn Resource" was revised to be in the form of a question and has been returned to the District Office for action.
2. The Team has ordered new AV equipment (a new digital sound board with supporting items to update our sound system). It is anticipated that the equipment will be operational for Sunday Worship on November 15, 2015.

D. Education - As printed in the Booklet.

E. Spiritual Enrichment - As printed in the Booklet.

F. Witness - The following changes were made to the written report:

1. Change Brittney Crispens to Brittney Beckwith.
2. It was stated that the funds to be provided to the CDC will be taken from designated funds currently available.

G. Financial Resources - As printed in the Booklet

H. Facility Care - As printed in the Booklet

I. Deacons - Deacons were reminded to be sure members know which deacons are assigned to which member.

J. Hospitality - As printed in the Booklet

K. Child Development - As printed in the Booklet

L. Treasurer - Sheryl responded to questions as follows:

1. General Funds are undesignated funds that have accumulated from year to year. There are no restrictions on how these funds are used.
2. Undesignated Funds, other than General are distributed by a Church Policy that tries to use 50% of the funds for First Church ministries (most often facility care) and 50% of the funds for outreach ministries.
3. Mr. Don Kauffman presented a Capital Campaign program on behalf of the Children's Aid Society to the Leadership Team at their October meeting. The Leadership Team will act on this request at their November meeting.
4. We will need to replace the roof on our main building in about 2 or 3 years. The cost will approximate \$ 70,000.

X. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

On a motion by Elizabeth Eisenhart, with a second by John Minnich, all the above reports were approved, as printed or corrected during this meeting, without dissent.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XII. NEW BUSINESS: None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Forum closed at 12:35 PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Don.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk
Arden Kile