



Minutes for Board Meeting  
March 8, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Allensville Mennonite Church

Attendance: Doug Yoder (via Zoom), Michael Armstrong, Herb Zook, Jane Neff, Bob Zook (excused at 6:40), Ethel Zook

1. Scripture Focus and Prayer Point-- Jane Neff reminded us that as we go through difficult times, God is in the midst of it with us. She read Psalm 139 and led in prayer.
2. Minutes from December 14, 2020, meeting were approved.
3. Herb Zook presented and explained details on the Financial Report. The board accepted the report. Ethel shared about a phone call she received from Elyse Kauffman from Everence Foundation. Elyse offered to add Ethel to an email list to receive fundraising support. She also requested a testimonial on how we are using the funds, suggesting that we might consider a specific use of the \$1124 from My Neighbor.
4. Ethel presented what she learned from Everence about options for online donations:  
ACH recurring donation and online donor link
  - Consensus was that Ethel will work with Everence to complete the contract and offer authorization forms to donors to set up ACH recurring donations. Everence waives the set up fee for non-profit organizations using this option.
  - An online donor link will be further explored for our next meeting. One option is to use an ecommerce platform such as Paypal. Another option is to use a service such as tithe.ly which requires us to have a credit card.
5. Bob and Ethel shared the following in their Ministry Report:
  - Bob continues to meet with individual men; Ethel with individual ladies.
  - Bob has biweekly meetings with two out-of-state gentlemen through Soul Refiner. He appreciates their openness in their online meetings.
  - Ethel is using a book study and video series with a client and mutual friend. She is using another video series with another client.
  - Bob and Ethel shared with an Allensville Mennonite Sunday School class retreat. The class gave a cash donation to the Ministry.
  - Bob and Ethel are experiencing their first Zoom mentoring relationship with a couple.
  - Matt Zook entered board bios on our website.

- Concerning publicity, Ethel has worked at “throwing a wider net” by continuing to distribute brochures to a variety of churches. She has also connected with the Central PA Clinic.
6. Recognizing that work needs to continue in clarifying our goals, Ethel shared the following as a current goal: “to provide spiritual mentoring to individuals and couples seeking healing in their relationships with themselves, God and others. As needs, resources and personnel become evident, offer group events to aid in the development of healthy relationships.” Some feedback included that this is too broad and is more like a purpose statement
  7. Bob and Ethel requested permission to purchase a laptop as soon as possible and a projector and printer sometime in 2021. The board approved of Bob selecting and purchasing this technology. It was agreed to designate the \$1,124.53 donation from My Neighbor (Everence) be used for the computer purchase.
  8. Potential Office Space
    - Ethel shared as a point of information that Airydale Retreat has plans to have office space available in a care-takers house on the Airydale Retreat property by January 2023.
    - Ethel shared about contacts made with Central PA Clinic concerning the possibility of using office space in their building. The Clinic board has already approved our use of office space in their building one-half day a week for the year 2021. Counseling can be provided for family members of patients coming to the clinic and/or clients directly contacting Seven Acres Ministry to schedule appointments. The Seven Acres Ministry Board approved this arrangement.
  9. Higher Ground Consulting Groups, LLC, proposal
    - Reference was made to a December 18, 2020, email from Ken Byler to Ethel, which included an Executive Coaching Proposal for Ethel. In a January email, Ken offered one donated session for each paid session. Also, the cost of Everything DiSC Management profile would be \$120 in addition to the fees in the proposal. The Coaching Proposal along with the assessment tool were approved.
  10. Prayer for God’s Will for Seven Acres Ministry
    - The board spent time praying for the ministry and clients.
  11. Next Meeting Date (Annual Board Meeting)-- Monday, June 14, 2021, 6:00
  12. Other business
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