

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SPRING CONGREGATIONAL FORUM
APRIL 19, 2015**

- I. ATTENDANCE:** Approximately 45 persons
- II. CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator Melinda Carlson @ 11:37 am
- III. DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER:** Led by Melinda Carlson.
- IV. AGENDA:** The proposed agenda, as published in the Forum Booklet, was approved with the addition of an unfinished business item identified as the “second reading of Constitutional Revisions.
- V. MINUTES:** The minutes for the Forum of November 2, 2014 were approved as presented.
- VI. TEAM REPORTS:**
 - A. Leadership - as printed in the booklet.
 - B. Pastor’s - In addition to the printed report, Pastor Don acknowledged that we have many persons working to support our congregation.
 - C. Worship - as printed in the booklet.
 - D. Education - This important team needs a chair person. Members ask to prayerfully consider volunteering to meet this need.
 - E. Spiritual Enrichment - as printed in the booklet.
 - F. Witness - Responding to a question, Frank Leaman noted that Olena is working at a “position one” job and is required to work most weekends. Therefore, she doesn’t get to attend church on a regular basis. However, her position will improve in about 6 weeks and she will have some relief from weekend duties. In the meanwhile, Olena has obtained a driver’s license and has been faithful in paying her rent. Her son needs to learn to drive.
 - G. Financial Resources - as printed in the booklet.
 - H. Facility Care - Roy Rollman noted that a new carpet has been installed in the Lounge. The Committee is currently evaluating furniture for use in the Lounge.
 - I. Deacons - Responding to a question, it was noted that members have been assigned to specific Deacons and that a listing will be posted on the mail bulletin board.
 - J. Hospitality - as printed in the booklet.
 - K. Child Development Center - as printed in the booklet.
 - L. Youth Ministry - The position we seek to fill has been advertised with no response from potential applicants.
 - M. Treasurer’s Report -
 - 1) Sheryl Leaman noted that the church gave a retirement gift to Charlie Murr along with our thanks for his years of service. Sheryl and Frank Leaman delivered the gift to Charlie and she noted a thank you note is on our bulletin board.

- 2) The Congregation was notified that giving for the first quarter of 2015 is below expectations. Of special concern is the envelope receipts.
- 3) Sheryl explained changes she made to the payment of Pastor Don. Because the Church may no longer pay a pastor's health care costs, she increased the Pastor's Salary/Housing budget and will no longer use the "Pastor Health" item in the approved budget. This change also required an adjustment to the budget for "Pastor Pension".
- 4) All of our budgeted outreach is on schedule per the approved 2015 budget.

N. Gifts Discernment - This Committee reports that they continue to struggle with the need to have a volunteer to fill the positions of chair for the Education Ministry Team and chair for the Fellowship Ministry Team. Members were encouraged to share the responsibility of Church Leadership. In addition they were invited to attend any of the Team meetings (They are open meetings) to observe what is required and what the Teams are doing on behalf of the Congregation. If more people would become involved, there would be less work required of those presently serving.

VII. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

After a motion to approve was voice by Elizabeth Eisenhart and seconded by Barbara Wueschinski, the congregation approved the reports without dissent.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Roy Rollman presented the second reading of proposed changes to the constitution which are intended to clarify the responsibilities of the Gifts Discernment and Leadership Teams to call persons for ministries in the Church. The first reading was presented at the November 2, 2014 Forum.

After a motion to approve the changes was voiced by Mike Baldwin and seconded by Terry Yeager, the Congregation approved the changes without dissent.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Forum closed at 12:07 PM on a motion by Roy Rollman, a second by Patricia Trimmer and no dissent from the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk
Arden Kile