

Pastor's Corner: October 10, 2017
Church Board Highlights

We had our monthly board meeting on Tuesday Oct 10. Here's what happened.

- Membership Transfers – We've got a few new people coming into the Bismarck Church. Good choice guys! See the bulletin announcements to learn more.
- Things are Happening – There are a few events coming up in the future you should know about. Communion will be held on Oct 14 (that's today) and Jan 13. Our annual Family Reunion Sabbath will be Nov 18 and the Christmas Program will be Dec 16. These are great times to bring friends to church (ok, maybe not communion Sabbath, but you never know!).
- Reports – We had the standard reports presented: Treasurer's, Clerk's, Pastor's. Nothing to really note here except that while we are behind on our budget (i.e. we haven't collected as much money as we budgeted for) we are NOT behind on our expenses. All the bills are getting paid but it sure would be helpful if folks could give a bit more to church budget.
- Making Copies – Our current copy machine would probably be more useful as a boat anchor than it is as an office printer. It jams a lot, parts are getting hard to find, and the costs associated with its operation are just going up. That is why I'm happy to announce that we're getting a new machine! Yay! This will make our Church Secretary, Rosie (also known as "We") very happy. She has a hate/hate relationship with the current machine. The lease price for the new machine will be about what we're paying now for the old one. It'll just work better.
- Missing Members – We (and by "we" I mean Rosie) is currently in a process of working through the membership list to update contact information. My hope is that this will be a first step towards an active attempt to reconnect with some of our members who might have stopped attending church for one reason or another. We (this time I mean myself and the Elders) will be giving careful consideration to how to best win folks back. It might involve bribery with Big Franks but I'm just not sure yet. No option is off the

table when it comes to trying bring our church back together!

- Lights,, Action! – We've got the lights, we've got action (kind of) but we don't have a great camera for our live streaming. Our media department has been researching a new camera that is specifically designed for web streaming (our current one is really a security camera - great for keeping an eye on criminals, not so great for broadcasting sermons). The cost for the new set-up, installed, will be about \$8,000. The money for this project must come from direct donations. Please consider giving to the new camera fund. If you want to make a donation label your offering as "media."
- Welcome House – One of our Elders is the president of an organization called Welcome House. This community service program provides housing and assistance primarily to homeless women with children. Each year at our Family Reunion Sabbath we like to collect a special offering to go to a worthy cause and this year we have designated the Welcome House to be the recipient of our offering. Please plan to give generously on Nov 18 to support this ministry.

That's all we've got for board meeting highlights. But I will include something special: Nominating Committee nominations!

First Reading:

Deacons: Clay Hoggarth, Jim Foerderer, Kent Well, Willie Kostenko, Cole Frank, Ruben Dockter, Delbert Krause, Ron Warner, Joel Felchle, Jim Saver, Tom Bachmeier, Ken Engelhart, Adam Foerderer.

Deaconesses: Julie Bitz, Peggy Deide, Elaine Felchle, Beth Goetz, Shirley Hoggarth, Darlene Kostenko, Arlys Krause, Edna Moser, Sheryl Violet, Jan Wolf

Communications Director: Lonna Quast

Sabbath School Program Coordinator: Cole Frank

Brentwood Board Member (2017-2020): Justin Goetz

Adult Sabbath School Directors: Ron Warner, Joe Hieb, Jan Wolf

If there are any mistakes or corrections that need to be made to this list of nominees, please contact Pastor Tyler.

Have a Happy Sabbath
Pastor Tyler