

## **MISSION BOARD (March 2021)**

The men serving on the Mission Board (MB) are elected for a three-year term. One is elected by the congregation each year. (A MB member is eligible for a maximum of two consecutive 3-year terms)

The responsibilities of the Mission Board;

- A. Each year at the beginning of the term of service they shall vote on choosing a chairman & secretary. (Voting assisted by deacon)
- B. To look for outreach opportunities in the local community and in the world.
- C. To inform the congregation frequently of mission news, opportunities & needs.
- D. To interact with the BMA missions' program to give and receive vision, information & counsel.
- E. To provide encouragement & recommendations to those looking for volunteer service assignments and be aware of those who feel called for mission service.
- F. To offer ways that our congregation can keep in touch with and provide encouragement to our missionaries. (Through SEAMS, Mission Post, etc)
- G. To establish suitable guidelines for financial compensation for VS members of our congregation to receive financial assistance, and to implement them.
- H. To select a suitable mission's speaker for each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year to share about their particular mission work during our Sunday school time.
- I. To prepare a yearly offering schedule for (one offering a month) and submit to the church board by the beginning of December for their approval.
- J. In our chain of communication, the MB works under the deacon(s). Before asking those to serve on the various sub-committees (below), the mission board shall get approval from the deacon(s).
- K. The MB will be allowed to spend up to \$2,500 per year on Community outreach.
- L. There shall be a liaison for the Jamaica outreach.

They also give oversight to the following sub-committees;

1. Outreach Committee
  - The Outreach committee shall consist of 3 couples that are members of our church and are each appointed for a 3-year (renewable) term by the Nominating Committee. This committee shall be responsible for various local opportunities such as 'Door-to-door & Christmas caroling' but not limited to these activities.
2. Kids Club
  - Kids Club is a ministry outreach opportunity to the children in our local community. Our church is responsible for promoting a healthy and safe God-centered atmosphere at 'Kids Club' with games, snack & devotional/story. The NC will ensure that there is a minimum of 4 adult couples supervising this work and are appointed for a 2-year (renewable) term by the Nominating Committee.
3. Summer Bible School (SBS)
  - The SBS Committee shall consist of 3 member couples from our congregation that are appointed for a 3-year (renewable) term by the Nominating Committee.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> year couple will be the lead couple, and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year couples will assist and be helpers.

- SBS shall be held the first full week in June for five nights starting on Sunday evening. Classes from pre-school age 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are to be planned.
- The committee shall plan and organize the Bible school event and get teachers, song leaders, registration persons, sound & computer technicians, skit groups and others from the congregation to help as needed. This Committee shall balance the Bible School activities between bible teaching and games and shall impact the children attending with interesting stories and principles from the bible. Committee shall plan a project that will raise funds for a worthy cause (i.e., VS'ers, Missionaries, Needy family, Organization, Etc.) and give daily report updates to the group. Teachers selected for classes shall be committed, active church members with a desire to influence the children for Christ. If there is not enough staff from church members, the committee may reach out to non-member teachers that can affirm our beliefs. All teachers involved in Summer Bible School shall read, understand and sign the Cornerstone Mennonite Fellowship Child Abuse Policy and have current child abuse clearances.
- The SBS Committee shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the children's snack for 4 nights and be responsible for hall duty. (And restrooms)
- This committee shall work in cooperation with the MB and have the MB approve the curriculum that will be used. The Bible School Committee shall work together with the Outreach Committee in preparing detailed invitations for any child to attend and schedule a community canvassing event a few weeks prior to the start of Bible School. Community invitations will state classes offered are from age 4 to grade 8.
- Committee shall coordinate the tent setup with Tents for Rent (or similar vendor) to set up an appropriately sized outdoor tent. Location should be discussed with the Trustee's. (No steel anchor pegs allowed in parking lot)
- The SBS committee is responsible to coordinate baby-sitting for the young children of teachers (age 0-2). If there are enough 2-year old children a class could be formed.
- Pre-registration – strongly encourage our own members to pre-register their children prior to the first night to eliminate some congestion at the registration area. Suggestion would be emailing the registration form a few weeks earlier.
- Trustee's will be responsible for clean-up and reorganization of the church basement following the final evening.
- Summer Bible School has an annual budget not to exceed \$3,000.

#### 4. Fulton Street Committee

- The Fulton Street committee shall consist of 2 men from our church that are appointed for a 2-year (renewable) term by the Nominating Committee. The lead person will typically be the one in his final year, unless the MB recommends otherwise, and the other will be a helper. This committee shall oversee, coordinate & communicate with the agency (Love INC, Homes of Hope, or similar) that we are contracted with to provide affordable or rent-free housing for needy families in our area. The committee will also be responsible for general building maintenance of the apartments (such as leaky faucets, furnace cleaning/repair, or any requirements from Ephrata Boro). Any major repair(s) or capital improvements will involve the combined counsel of the MB, trustee's & church board. The Fulton Street Committee will be permitted to spend up to \$2,500 per year on building/property repairs. Larger amounts require church board approval.

## 5. Disaster Relief Appointment

- The Nominating Committee will appoint a brother from our congregation for a 3-year (renewable) term. He will be our congregational contact person for MDS/CAM-related disaster relief work opportunities. He will be aware of disaster-related work project opportunities and will consult with the mission board for approval.