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3 **Bethel College Mennonite Church Board Minutes**

4 ***Pending approval at March 2022 Board Meeting***

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6 *Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow*
7 *Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.*

8 **Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Schmidt (moderator), Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (moderator
9 elect), Glen Ediger, Judy Friesen, Cynthia Llnscheid, Lois Preheim, Adam Robb, Dale Schrag, Bill
10 Swartley, Margaret Toews

11 **Board Members not present:** John Kliewer

12 **Staff Present:** Mike Claassen (Finance Manager), Nathan Koontz (pastor), Renee Reimer
13 (pastor), Todd Schlosser (Interim Pastor)

14 **Staff not present:**

15 **Others attending:**

16 1. **Welcome and Centering Prayer** – Moderator Elizabeth Schmidt opened the meeting with a
17 reading of the centering statement above followed by a prayer.

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19 2. **Consensus Approval - Consent Agenda** – Minutes of the January 3 board meeting, the
20 January 12 special meeting, and pastors' reports were approved by consensus.

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22 3. **Action - Financial Report - January 2022** - Michael Claassen, Finance Manager, reported no
23 changes from the written report and that January, 2022, had the smallest short fall of the
24 past few years. Adam Robb moved to accept the January 2022 Financial Report. Dale
25 Schrag seconded. The motion carried.

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27 4. **Action - Approve Financial Authorization Changes due to changes in officeholders.**

28 Michael Claassen, Finance Manager, reported that due to changes in officeholders the
29 board needs to pass the following resolutions:

30 **Union State Bank -Proposed action:** That the following people at Bethel College
31 Mennonite Church be authorized by the Church Board to sign checks on its behalf at Union
32 State Bank, account xxx: Michael Claassen, Finance Manager (continuing), or Margaret
33 Toews, Clerk (replacing Patricia Friesen), or Mary Ann Boschmann, Assistant Treasurer
34 (replacing Lois Goertzen), or Monica Lichti, Office and Facilities Manager (continuing).

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36 **Everence Accounts identified below - Proposed Action:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michael
37 Claassen, Finance Manager (continuing), or Margaret Toews, Clerk (replacing Patricia
38 Friesen), or Mary Ann Boschmann, Assistant Treasurer (replacing Lois
39 Goertzen) or Monica Lichti, Office and Facilities Manager (continuing), are authorized to
40 open brokerage accounts including margin accounts for options trading, investment
41 accounts, safekeeping accounts, checking accounts and saving accounts, and to execute
42 related documents and transactions for Bethel College Mennonite Church, whether
43 absolutely or as Trustee, and to purchase, sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates
44 representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the
45 name of Bethel College Mennonite Church.

46 Everence Trust Investment Fund - account xxx

47 Everence Trust MSEF - account xxx

48 Everence Praxis Money Market - account xxx

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50 The motion to pass these resolutions was made by Judy Friesen. Glen Ediger and Adam
51 Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

52 **5. Action - Additional Paid Holiday** - SCRC recommends to the Church Board that Juneteenth
53 (June 19) be added as a paid holiday in the Church Personnel Policies and that MOU's for
54 2022 be amended to include this as a paid holiday for all applicable staff. Dale Schrag
55 moved this policy be adopted and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen seconded. The motion carried.

56 **6. Pastoral Transition Next Steps** - Discussion centered on continuing pastoral changes and
57 the questions these changes bring. What are the broader issues the congregation should
58 address? What do we want to be doing as a church? Is discerning whether a pastoral team
59 model works for our church the only question we need to be asking? Do we depend too
60 much on pastors to make the church what we want it to be? Consensus formed around
61 making revisions in the RFPs to include asking for guidance in addressing these questions.
62 Elizabeth and Ada will work on these revisions which will be discussed in a special board
63 meeting on February 15.

64 **7. Executive Session:** Entered at 8:27 pm. Closed at 8:40 pm.

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66 **8. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.** The next meeting is off schedule on February 15 at 7 pm
67 via Zoom to further discuss revisions or additions to the RFP for the two consultants who
68 responded to our initial request.

69 Submitted by Margaret Toews, Clerk

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