Kalamazoo Mennonite Fellowship Council  
Minutes of February Meeting, 2011  
Council members present: Carolyn Ruth, Angela Van Heest, Will Fitzgerald  
Observers: Maya Van Heest

A. We noted that Carolyn Ruth is serving a two year stint, and Angela Van Heest a one year stint, on Council.

B. At the first meeting of the Council, we brainstormed ideas for Council and Fellowship actions:

1. Choose a “mission” for us to pursue as a group, either focusing overseas or locally
2. Taking up a regular offering
3. What are the best ways to support
   1. Care of members
   2. Education of children
   3. Education of adults
   4. Leadership
4. How to do appropriate marketing and public relations for the Fellowship
5. Connecting with other peace churches in town, including Peace House, the Quaker meeting, Skyridge COB
6. How to be distinctly “Mennonite” or “Anabaptist”
   1. How to focus on peace and justice issues
   2. Getting people involved in Mennonite Disaster Services
   3. Participate in Mennonite Central Committee
7. Worship
   1. Getting songs and hymnbooks for everyone
   2. Lent
   3. Communion on first Sundays
   4. Allowing people to participate in gathered worship who are not physically present (speakerphone or Skype)
8. Supporting the teaching mission of the church