

MC Sask. Council Meeting Nov 26, 2016 at First Mennonite Church Saskatoon

Present: Ryan Siemens, Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Ken Warkentin, Gordon Peters, Pauline Steinmann, Terry Stefaniuk, Sharon Schultz, Larry Epp, Craig Neufeld, Brue Jantzen, and Dianne Epp.

Also joining us were Keith Regier and Willard Metzger from MC Canada

Absent was Berny Wiens

Ken opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were adopted by consensus as amended.

Business out of minutes:

- The web site is coming along, we just need to figure out how to make the template work.
- We have no new ideas for a communications course.
- Appointments: PLC – Karen Ens ?  
Canadian Mennonite - ?  
Finance committee currently should be 3 people. Do we need 3? We will leave it as is with only 2 people if a third person cannot be found.
- ADS update: Theme is “Extending the Table – Enough for All”  
At Nutana Park on March 10 and 11, 2017  
Speakers – Susanne Guenther Loewen, as well as a play “The Gospel According to Food” The text is Feeding the 5000.
- The meetings with the churches are about half done. There has been no negative feedback about Future Directions.
- MC Sask Visioning: With Betty Pries of L3. Possibly 3 sessions at Spring Leadership Assembly in April, At Fall Leadership Assembly in Nov. and at the 2018 ADS. This would split the cost over 2 years and provide a continuing focus.

**2016-11-26-01 Motion** by Terry Stefaniuk/ seconded by Craig Neufeld that we recommend starting the visioning process with Betty Pries of L3 in April 2017 to 2018 ADS. CARRIED

Time was spent in discussion of the Future Directions timeline with MC Canada representatives.

10:30- Council met with the Camp Representatives. Eight people from Shekinah and YFBC joined us.

The purpose of the meeting was because sometime there is a disconnect between council and the various programs we have.

Camp expectations from area church.

- Communication  
They have a connection with about 2/3 of the churches  
YFBC has about 9% of campers from area churches  
Shekinah has about 40% of campers from area churches.  
They would like Ryan and Kirsten to know enough about the camps to share with council

Decision made to have Ryan and Kirsten meet with Directors regularly instead of Camping Commission, on a trial basis

- Would like more churches to use the facilities.
- Possibly help with finances as in how to manage and making long term projections.

MC Sask. Expectations.

- Do we have interest in summer camps as to programing or ownership?
- Are we training leaders?
- What would be lost if we are not connected?
- Camp pastors would like more extensive resource materials.
- There is no connection between all Mennonite camps in Canada. That might be useful.
- We need to communicate that camps do not get much money from MC Sask.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56

Recorded by Dianne Epp