

Mc Sask. Council Meeting Jan 14 2017

At Grace Mennonite, Regina starting at 10:15

Present: Gordon Peters, Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Ken Warkentin, Ryan Siemens, Berny Wiens, Craig

Neufeld, Larry Epp, Sharon Schultz, Dieudonne Higiroy and Dianne Epp

Opening: Ryan read from John: 17 and from an article about Martin Luther King.

Minutes: The November 26 minutes were adopted by consensus.

- **2017-01-14-01 Motion** by Berny Wiens, seconded by Gordon Peters to close the Vacation Bible School program.

CARRIED

- Re meeting with Camp Commission: We will not fill the vacant camp commission position. Instead a group of camp staff and Ryan and Kirsten will do that job.
- The web site should be good to go soon.
- Visioning process with L3 - Completing an initial survey will entitle people to be part of the process.

2017-01-14-02 Motion by Gordon Peters, seconded by Sharon Schultz to accept the proposal from L3 to enter in the visioning process to determine the call of God for MC Sask.

CARRIED

Reports:

- Finance by Gordon Peters ***(attachment not included due to inaccurate spreadsheet formulas)***
A tentative budget was presented with cuts to RJC and camps.
With a few more accurate numbers we will finalize it.
Do we need to consider fundraising?
- Moderator Report by Ken Warkentin
We need to clarify what to communicate about Future Directions.
How can we connect with people from churches who are no longer part of MC Sask.?
- Ryan Siemens - as per attached report
Micah Mission will be out of money this spring. Some grant money will become available in April.
- Kirsten Hamm-Epp - as per attached report
- Nominating committee- Bruce Jantzen is not running for re-election as Deputy Moderator
Larry Epp is not running for re-election on Vision and Wholeness
Other positions Ministries needs 2 people, Camp Elim needs one and Shekinah needs 2.
Council still needs to appoint someone on Canadian Mennonite and Nominating Committee.

For the ADS we need an on-line summary person – Possibly Donna Schultz

And people to be part of the breakout sessions. Craig will do Ministries, Camps-? PLC- ?

Parliamentarian: Ernie Epp or Peter Peters

Resolutions: Christy Martens-Funk and ?

Future Directions update and discussion

- The covenant needs to be approved at the ADS.
- MC Canada is created by the covenant between Mennonite Church- Sask. Alberta, BC, Man. And Eastern Canada.
- How could we include members of non-member churches? Do we need to explore the possibility of a virtual church?

Prairie Center for Ecumenism: We have now officially withdrawn from this organization. We will give our board members permission to be released from their duties.

Discussion on office location: RJC and MCC have both invited us to use space in their buildings.

- MCC already has the MB office in the building.
- The cost would be lower than our present costs for similar space.
- Our lease is up in Aug.
- We do not have cost information from RJC as yet.

Vision and Wholeness:

- The opening from John 17 was good, but Jesus did not have to make a budget. We don't always get to go where we see ourselves going, but with the Holy Spirit everything is possible.

Next meeting Feb 4th in Saskatoon or possibly just an executive meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Recorded by Dianne Epp