

MC Sask Council Meeting – November 1, 2017

6:00 pm at MC Sask Office/MCC Centre

Present: Gordon Peters, Ken Warkentin, Terry Stefaniuk, Pauline Steinmann, Myrna Wiebe, Ryan Siemens, Craig Neufeld, Berny Wiens

Regrets: Sharon Schultz

Attachments: Moderator's Report, Area Church Minister Report, ACM Letter, Financial Reports (3 files)

1. Opening: Ryan
2. Approval of September 5 Minutes
 - some corrections:
 - point 3 d. should say conversations instead of congregations
 - should be a 3.e. for diversity training

minutes approved by consensus
3. Approval of Agenda – **approved by consensus**
4. Reports (see attachments)
 - Ken (Moderator)
 - Gordon (Finance)
 - There is quite a shortfall again; individual giving is down quite a bit
 - Most churches still forwarding normal amount to MC Canada; next year all monies should come to MC Sask and from there will be sent to MC Canada
 - When Gordon sends out an update, he will send an appeal to the churches and explain about the deficit, what the money goes for, etc.
 - Ryan (ACM)
 - discussion about Kirsten's move to Shekinah for 6 months as Executive Director and Katie's Reimer Wiebe taking on SMYO things at .25 FTE. Katie will only be working with the youth program
 - discussion re both Camp Elim and Shekinah's financial situations and future outlooks

Reports approved by consensus
5. Ongoing Business
 - RRR update. (See attachment)
 - Discussion: the local church is not the full expression of the body of Christ, but without the local church there is no body. MC Sask should be a natural extension of the local church, as MC Canada is the natural extension of MC SK
 - ADS update
 - Ryan, Terry, Ken & Marianne were in Swift Current today to do some planning for ADS meetings in March
 - New tagline – Refresh, Refocus, Renew – God is doing a new thing - Explore, Experience, Engage.
 - This year will likely have fewer breakout sessions because there are other things that need to be dealt with
 - Friday, March 9 beginning @ 1:00 pm through to 4 pm Saturday afternoon

- Shekinah updates
 - Discussion happened during Ryan's report
 - **By consensus: MC Saskatchewan Council appoints Matt Wiens to Shekinah Board.**

6. New Business

- Budget for 2018
 - Expenses – a CMU line will be added to our budget; also Joint Council (previously MC Canada paid for the expenses, etc., now it will be paid directly from MC SK)
 - Should have a rough outline for our next meeting
- Mission and Finance of Camps
 - Discussion occurred during Ryan's report
- MC Canada Joint Council Appointee
 - As there are 2 joint council meetings before the ADS the council should appoint someone soon and have it be ratified at the ADS in March
 - A name has been suggested, Ryan has spoken to them and they are willing to put their name forward.
 - Re terms, we would want them to stagger with the moderator
 - As this is a new position, then it will mean a bylaw change that will need to be done at the ADS
 - **By consensus: Jacquelyn Janzen will be asked to be on the Joint Council for a term of 1 year.**
- MC Canada Diversity Training
 - Paying attention to the ecosystem of your structure (for instance, possibly moving an ADS to a Saturday and Sunday so that others could attend – younger folks who work on Fridays?)
- Canadian Mennonite
 - There had been a covenant for MC Canada to give Canadian Mennonite a certain monetary amount, it has already been extended by a year and now there has been a question of extending it for another year
 - The question will come up again at December's Joint Council meeting
- Nominations
 - Leona Ewert & Christy Krahn are currently on Nominations Committee; a 3rd person needs to be appointed & go through positions to be replaced
 - Ryan will talk to Ben Borne to see if he will let his name stand
 - *Update November 7, 2017: Ben declined however Graham MacDonald's name was brought forward; **through email, consensus was reached to appoint Graham Macdonald to the Nominating Committee for a term ending 2020.***
- Title Review
 - As we are now a Regional church, and no longer an Area Church, we will need to review titles (Area Church Minister, etc.)
 - This discussion deferred to the next meeting
- Upcoming meeting dates
 - December 6, 6:00 pm, MCC Centre
 - January 10, 6:00 pm, MCC Centre

Pauline closed in prayer