

MC Sask Council Meeting – January 10, 2018

6:00 pm at MC Sask Office/MCC Centre

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

Attachments: Moderator's Report, Executive Minister Report, Appendix 4: Operating Agreement, Financial Reports (3 files)

1. Opening: Ryan
2. Approval of December Minutes
 - **Approved by consensus**
3. Business Arising Out of Minutes
 - Nothing
4. Reports (see attachments)
 - Ken (MC Sask Moderator)
 - Summarized his report
 - Ryan (Executive Minister)
 - Ryan has been invited to attend the Youth Farm Bible Camp's service trip to Mexico; would likely cost \$600-700 for flights for Ryan as he is not able to travel with them nor stay for the whole trip; with other commitments it would mean another 7 days away from home and from MC Sask.; Ryan is interested in attending and may talk to Mark re going along in 2019
 - Katie is in the midst of preparing for the Sr High Youth Retreat
 - Joe Heikman (Wildwood) will be going down to ½ time beginning this summer
 - Refresh, Refocus, Renew
 - 3 themes have come out – deepening the awareness of God in our lives (Spirituality); what does it mean to be an Anabaptist church in the 21st century; continuing work of reconciliation, both with indigenous communities and the larger world "turning toward the world"
 - the proposal will be to look at the 3 themes over 3 years, not just doing all 3 in one year
 - 3 attachments from MC Canada (executive staff group)
 - For our information (Joint Council has already approved)
 - Gordon (Finance update and proposed budget)
 - Were able to end the financial year in the black
 - Congregational giving slightly over from last year; shows that they weren't holding back
 - Most congregations sent money through MC Sask, only 1 church still sent money directly to MC Canada
 - Gordon handed out a more up to date Revenue & Expenditures 1 page sheet
 - 3 new lines added to the draft budget (CMU, MC Canada, & AMBS)
 - Nominating

- Are still looking for nomination for vice-moderator, Shekinah board needs 3 people, Craig N stepping away from Council however Rod Suderman has accepted nomination for member at large, need 1 person for lay member of PLC,

Reports approved by consensus

5. ADS Review
 - Ryan working on a schedule
6. Operating Agreement Review (see attachment)
 - For our information
7. Shekinah Update
 - A group of 3 people are looking at Shekinah's finances; doing analysis of where money may be lost and possibilities of improving business
 - Board chair Sarah Unrau has done a very good job leading the board through the past year
 - They have a number of candidates for position of Executive Director and will likely be interviewing and hiring soon
8. Youth Farm Camp Update
 - Have started an equine program, currently renting space at approx \$2000/month; have requested to build a riding arena at the Youth Farm; Complex executive and Mark will bring to the board next month; MC Sask will sign the mortgage so it will be brought to the delegate body, however the camp will carry the payments
9. Youth Farm Complex Update
 - Discussing the name of why still be called "Youth Farm" Complex
 - In thinking about simplifying their accounting talking about doing the housing portions as 1 company and making the various lots into 1 lot
10. Other
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11. Next Meeting – February 21 @ 6:00
12. Closing